

September 13, 2015  
**“Who Wants To Be First?”**  
**(Mark 9:30-37)**

A quick way to start a fight among sports fans is to ask who is the \_\_\_\_\_.

The drive to be recognized as the greatest even infected Jesus’ \_\_\_\_\_.

Matters of \_\_\_\_\_ are important in any organization.

These drives to No.1 come from \_\_\_\_\_.

**Jesus did not \_\_\_\_\_ them for wanting to be first!**

Jesus is saying, *“If you want to be first, if you want to be great, here is what you must do ....be willing to \_\_\_\_\_!”*

Ambition is an \_\_\_\_\_ given to us by God to help us \_\_\_\_\_ our lives.

A person with no ambition is a \_\_\_\_\_ on society.

There is no shame in being ambitious as long as you don’t \_\_\_\_\_ other people in achieving your ambitions.

Jesus was making the point: **Greatness in his kingdom is determined by \_\_\_\_\_ and not \_\_\_\_\_!**

We are to serve God and others \_\_\_\_\_ and joyfully out of a sense of love and not a sense of \_\_\_\_\_!

God is not concerned about titles and position and \_\_\_\_\_.

In God’s kingdom, greatness is \_\_\_\_\_!

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*“True greatness comes not by favoritism, but by fitness...That’s your new definition of greatness, and by this definition everyone can be great. Because everybody can serve. You don’t have to have a college degree to serve. You don’t have to make your subject and your verb agree to serve. You don’t have to know about Plato and Aristotle to serve. You don’t have to know Einstein’s theory of relativity to serve. You don’t have to know the second theory of thermodynamics in physics to serve. You only need a heart full of grace. A soul generated by love. And you can be that servant.”* - **Martin Luther King, Jr.** –

Mother Teresa’s sermons were not reputed to be \_\_\_\_\_. It was her \_\_\_\_\_ that called for transformation and conversion!

Make this your legacy: **Whatever else you leave behind; you will \_\_\_\_\_ to leave the world a \_\_\_\_\_ place because you have been here!**

What is the secret to a great legacy? -- \_\_\_\_\_!

At **Wendy’s**, MBA doesn’t mean Master of Business Administration. It means \_\_\_\_\_ . It means a commitment to service!

Jesus left a legacy of service for his followers. He did it by wrapping a \_\_\_\_\_ around his waist, and washing their \_\_\_\_\_!

He taught them to \_\_\_\_\_ by his own example.

**Philip Yancey** – *“You can gauge the size of a ship that has passed out of sight by the huge wake it leaves behind.”*

What kind of wake will you leave behind?

Will the water ripple at all because you’ve been here?

The word is **SERVICE** – service to your church, service to your community, service to those who need it most!

Do you want to be first?