

The greatest among you will be your servant. For whoever exalts himself will be humbled, and whoever humbles himself will be exalted. Matthew 23:11-12 (NIV)

Be Great

I know in the past, you have wanted to be great. You have wanted to stand out. You have wanted to be respected. You have wanted to be honored. You have wanted to win the applause of others in the world. Now, much of that desire is gone. Now, at times, you are repulsed by that old worldly and fleshly desire. Now, I know you are now wary of any part of that desire that remains in you. You think the only source of that desire has been your pride. You think nothing good can come of the desire, to be great, that is still within you. You believe that desire is worldly and can only come from your old sinful nature. Have I captured your thoughts and feelings about your desire to be great? Yes, you have, without a doubt.

What would you think if I told you that I want you to be great? What would you think if I told you that your desire to be great comes from me? I would be surprised. No, I would be shocked. I would need to completely readjust my thinking, if that were true. It's true. Start readjusting. I want you to be great in humility. I want you to be great in being a servant. I want you to be great in going and doing all that I ask of you. I want you to be great in following my example. I want you to be great in thinking and speaking and acting as I did. I want you to be great in giving. I want you to be great in serving. I want you to be great in loving. I want you to be great as a bright and shining witness for me in the world. I want you to be great in bearing fruit for my kingdom. I want you to be great in bringing glory to my name. Can you see anything wrong with being great in these ways? I cannot. Would you want to be less than great in any one of these ways? No, I would not. Would being less than great in any one of these ways be pleasing to me? Certainly not.

So, how are your readjusting your thoughts? I am thinking that I want to be great in loving and following and serving you. I want to be great in humbly going and doing all that you ask of me. I want to be great in living the life you have called me to live. It is my prayer and hope and desire that you will make me able to humbly be and do great things with and for you. **That is very good.**

Lord, I will follow your example. I will humble myself and take on the form of a servant. I will go and do what you ask of me. I will serve you and others with my whole heart. I want to do great things for you. Use me to bear abundant fruit for your kingdom. Amen

Promises *The Greatest Among You*

The greatest among you will be your servant. For whoever exalts himself will be humbled, and whoever humbles himself will be exalted.

NIV Matthew 23:11-12

Promises *The Greatest Among You*

The greatest among you must be a servant. But those who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted.

NLT Matthew 23:11-12

Promises *The Greatest Among You*

The greatest among you will be your servant. All who exalt themselves will be humbled, and all who humble themselves will be exalted.

NRSV Matthew 23:11-12

Promises *Is Greatest Among You*

He who is greatest among you shall be your servant. Whoever exalts himself [with haughtiness and empty pride] shall be humbled (brought low), and whoever humbles himself [whoever has a modest opinion of himself and behaves accordingly] shall be raised to honor.

AMP Matthew 23:11-12

Promises *The Greatest Among You*

"But the greatest among you shall be your servant. "Whoever exalts himself shall be humbled; and whoever humbles himself shall be exalted.

NASB Matthew 23:11-12

Promises *The Greatest Among You*

The greatest among you shall be your servant. Whoever exalts himself will be humbled, and whoever humbles himself will be exalted.

ESV Matthew 23:11-12

Promises *He Who Is Greatest*

But he who is greatest among you shall be your servant. And whoever exalts himself will be humbled, and he who humbles himself will be exalted.

NKJV Matthew 23:11-12

Promises *Do You Want To Stand Out*

"Do you want to stand out? Then step down. Be a servant. If you puff yourself up, you'll get the wind knocked out of you. But if you're content to simply be yourself, your life will count for plenty.

MSG Matthew 23:11-12

Promises *The Greater You Are*

"The more lowly your service to others, the greater you are. To be the greatest, be a servant. But those who think themselves great shall be disappointed and humbled; and those who humble themselves shall be exalted.

TLB Matthew 23:11-12

Promises *The Greatest Among You*

Whoever is your servant is the greatest among you. Whoever makes himself great will be made humble. Whoever makes himself humble will be made great.

NCV Matthew 23:11-12

Journal

As You Quiet Yourself Before The Lord

What Do You Want To Say To Me Lord?

What Prayers Are You Praying Today?

Prayer Of Blessing

(What Prayer Of Blessing Can You Pray For Another?)

May you follow Christ's example by humbly being the servant of others.

Prayer To Carry

(What Prayer Would You Like To Carry Throughout Your Day?)

Lord, I will follow your example by humbly being the servant of others.

What Do You Want To Remember About Today?

A Question To Ask God

(What Would You Like To Ask God?)

Lord, how can I follow your example and humbly serve others today?
