

- I. Introduction.**
 - A. In the world people are considered great when they give orders and demand service; greatness is measured by how many people serve you.**
 - B. In Christ's kingdom greatness is measured by how many people you serve.**
 - C. Greatness in Christ's kingdom isn't about power and privilege; it's about submission (see Eph. 5:21) and service ... it's about laying down rights and lifting up people.**
- II. How to Become Great in Christ's Kingdom.**
 - A. Serve from a position of fullness.**
 - 1. Christ's confident awareness of his identity and destiny (John 13:3) enabled him to serve freely.**
 - 2. People who understand who they are as humans and who they are in Christ are set free to serve God.**
 - B. Make sure your needs are met so you can focus on the needs of others – our divine design requires rest, recreation, and renewal of our relationship with God.**
 - C. Make a conscious commitment to use your God-given gifts for him – we can be self-serving and at best experience momentary happiness or we can serve God by serving others and experience lasting joy (John 15:10,11).**
 - D. Open your heart to God's purposes – be available ... be flexible enough to be used by God for his purposes.**
 - E. Understand that following God doesn't always result in the world's approval (John 15:19-21) – our goal is not to be right with the world (see 1 John 2:15-17); our goal is to be the light of the world (see Matt. 5:14-16).**
 - F. Understand that the right place to serve is where God calls you to serve – we can serve God in far away places or right where we are; the important thing is that we're serving God, doing what he has prepared in advance for us to do.**
- III. Conclusion.**
 - A. God has as chosen path for your life, and until you find that path and walk that path with God you will never experience a fulfilled life (see John 10:10).**
 - B. Homework assignment.**
 - C. A time of reflection and response.**