

Leading Our Kids To True Greatness

I. Embrace Serving – God’s definition of true greatness is servanthood (Matthew 20:20-28).

A. True greatness is the exact opposite of human success and rank (Matthew 20:20-25).

What James and John’s Mother was really saying

1. *My child’s rank in this world is the most important issue for them.*
2. *My own image is wrapped up in my child’s success.*
3. *I’m a controller. I will push to make things happen for my child no matter how old they are.*

B. True greatness is actually found in serving people like Christ did – instead of serving self like the rest of the world does (Matthew 20:26-28).

II. Model Serving – We must do what God calls truly great so that our children know how to serve.

A. True greatness is found in making the needs and interests of others more important than our own – like Christ did (Philippians 2:3-4, 5-11).

B. True greatness is found in doing for others what others don’t want to do (John 13:4-5, 12-17).

C. True greatness is found in serving those less fortunate who cannot repay us (Matthew 25:37-40; Luke 14:13-14).