



**Title:** Awake IV - greatness in the kingdom  
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## What is greatness?

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**What is greatness?** There **are different platforms in the world** that represents greatness in a worldly sense. Those who succeed on these platforms are the greatest of the great.

*\*But how does God define greatness?*

*The United States has become a place **where entertainers and professional athletes are mistaken** for people of importance.* -Robert A. Heinlein

Matthew 23:11–12 (NKJV) <sup>11</sup> *But he who is **greatest** among you shall be your servant.* <sup>12</sup> *And whoever exalts himself will be humbled, and he who humbles himself will be exalted.*

**Greatness is measured in service, not performance, achievement or gifting.** Why? Because the gifts enabling you to achieve comes from God, but to use those gifts for serving others, that amounts to greatness!

## "Can I trust you?"

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**"Can I trust you?" Greatness in the kingdom is someone whom God can trust.** *The meek can be trusted for they are not self-centred, but Christ-centred.*

**\*People:** People are God's treasure, He is not so worried about money and stuff. Can He trust us with people?

**\*Stuff:** *"God is looking for people who don't love the world, so that He can give them the world"* (Bill Johnson)

Luke 9:25 (NKJV) <sup>25</sup> *For what profit is it to a man **if he gains the whole world**, and is himself destroyed or lost?*

**It's impossible for a self-centred person to be meek.** They will explode, they will manipulate, control and damage others.

**Meekness or lowly** - *"behold your king is coming lowly, sitting on a donkey"*

**Defining Meekness** - patient, self-controlled, humble, gentle, unassuming. **Meekness is not weakness, but power under perfect control. Christ-centred, not self centred.**

## It's not about you

Matthew 20:26–28 (NKJV) <sup>26</sup> *Yet it shall not be so among you; but whoever desires to become great among you, let him **be your servant**.* <sup>27</sup> *And whoever desires to be first among you, **let him be your slave**—* <sup>28</sup> *just as the Son of Man did not come to be served, **but to serve**, and **to give His life** a ransom for many."*

**Why have we been saved? We are saved to serve.**

**\*It's not about you.** The universe doesn't revolve around you. It revolves around God. It's about Him. **Jesus came to serve. When we serve, we look like Jesus.** *Our greatest privilege is to serve others.*

**\*\*You must get an outflow. Without an outflow you will die (spiritually).**

## **The surrendered servant (prodigal son) - our journey to maturity**

*"We sometimes forget: gifts are free, maturity is expensive. An overemphasis on impartation is dangerous. Faithfulness in service is the only way to maturity. There is no shortcut to maturity." (Bill Johnson)*

Luke 15:17–23 (NKJV) <sup>17</sup> *"But when he came to himself..."*<sup>20</sup> *"And he arose and came to his father. But when he was still a great way off, his father saw him and had compassion, and ran and fell on his neck and kissed him. <sup>21</sup> And the son said to him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and in your sight, and am no longer worthy to be called your son.' <sup>22</sup> "But the father said to his servants, 'Bring out the **best robe** and put it on him, and **put a ring** on his hand and **sandals on his feet**."*

**The selfish son, became the surrendered servant and qualified to become the exalted son.** It's a journey.

**Serving tips:** (1) Try something (2) Grow to serve in your strengths (3) Keep serving, every season of your life, don't stop.