

Introduction: Who's the greatest in God's eyes?

- A _____ request

³⁵Then James and John, the sons of Zebedee, came to Him. "Teacher," they said, "we want You to do for us whatever we ask." ³⁶"What do you want Me to do for you?" He asked. ³⁷They replied, "Let one of us sit at Your right and the other at Your left in Your glory."

Mark 10:35-37 (NIV)

- An _____ response

⁴¹When the ten heard about this, they became indignant with James and John.

Mark 10:41 (NIV)

- A _____ redefinition

⁴²Jesus called them together and said, "You know that those who are regarded as rulers of the Gentiles lord it over them, and their high officials exercise authority over them.

⁴³Not so with you. Instead, whoever wants to become great among you must be your servant ⁴⁴and whoever wants to be first must be slave of all. ⁴⁵For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give His life as a ransom for many."

Mark 10:42-45 (NIV)

True greatness is _____ others for the glory of God!

Conclusion: We become "great" in God's eyes by helping others become greater than ourselves. In other words...

Great Christians _____ great people.

And the things you have heard me say in the presence of many witnesses entrust to reliable men who will also be qualified to teach others.

2 Timothy 2:2 (NIV)

- **Old Testament Examples of Empowering Others:**
 - Moses – Joshua
 - Elijah – Elisha
 - Eli – Samuel
- **New Testament Examples of Empowering Others:**
 - Jesus – The 12 Disciples
 - Paul – Timothy
 - Barnabas – Mark
- **Summary:** **Good** Christians “live the life,” **Great** Christians “leave a legacy.”

II. How can you leave a legacy for God's glory?

- _____ - **help many, train a few.** 2 Timothy 2:2
- Pray for God's direction James 1:5
- Look under your roof first 1 Timothy 3:4
- Look for F.A.T. people 2 Timothy 2:2
- F _____
- A _____
- T _____

• **Follow Jesus' 4-fold process of empowering great people:**

1. _____ them in.

- Model the message
- Invite them into the action
- Engage them in authentic relationships

He appointed twelve—designating them apostles—that they might be with Him and that He might send them out to preach...

Mark 3:14 (NIV)

2. _____ them up.

- Affirm their strengths
- Inspire their dreams
- Confront their flaws

"Come, follow me," Jesus said, "and I will make you fishers of men."

Matthew 4:19 (NIV)

3. _____ them for.

- Instruct their mind
- Develop their heart
- Equip their hands

A student is not above his teacher, but everyone who is fully trained will be like his teacher.

Luke 6:40 (NIV)

4. _____ them out.

- Clarify their mission.
- Confirm their calling.
- Continue to mentor.

¹⁹*"Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, ²⁰and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age."*

Matthew 28:19-20 (NIV)

III. Why do so few Christians “Leave a Legacy” for God’s glory?

- Lack of _____ - “We cannot impart what we do not possess.”

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16Therefore I urge you to imitate me. 17For this reason I am sending to you Timothy, my son whom I love, who is faithful in the Lord. He will remind you of my way of life in Christ Jesus, which agrees with what I teach everywhere in every church.

I Corinthians 4:16-17 (NIV)

- Lack of _____ - “Our failure to see beyond our own life span is a real hindrance.”

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- Lack of _____ - “A life of impact is about this one thing I do, not these 20 things I dabble at.”

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¹³Brothers, I do not consider myself yet to have taken hold of it. But one thing I do: Forgetting what is behind and straining toward what is ahead, ¹⁴I press on toward the goal to win the prize for which God has called me heavenward in Christ Jesus. ¹⁵All of us who are mature should take such a view of things. And if on some point you think differently, that too God will make clear to you.

Philippians 3:13-15 (NIV)