

Sermon Series: TIMES OF REFRESHING

THE GRASP OF GREATNESS

Mark 10:41-45

1. THE ACCLAIM OF THE WORLD.
2. THE ATTRIBUTES OF THE KINGDOM.
3. THE APPLAUSE OF HEAVEN.

1. THE ACCLAIM OF THE WORLD.

And Jesus called them to him and said to them, "You know that those who are considered rulers of the Gentiles lord it over them, and their great ones exercise authority over them". But it shall not be so among you. Mark 10:42-43

How does worldly greatness come?

- ✓ *Position*
- ✓ *Possessions*
- ✓ *Performance*

For what will it profit a man if he gains the whole world and forfeits his soul? Matthew 16:26

2. THE ATTRIBUTES OF THE KINGDOM.

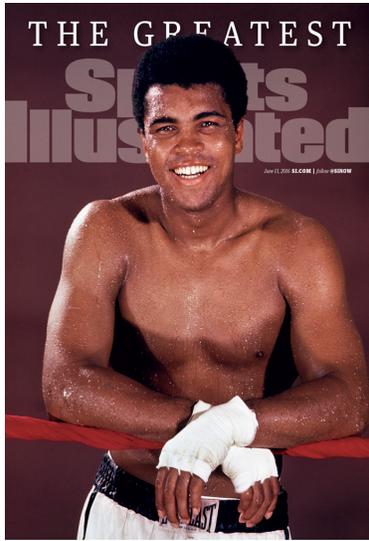
1) Be an HEIR of the King.

Truly, I say to you, among those born of women there has arisen no one greater than John the Baptist. Yet the one who is least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he. Matthew 11:11

2) Maintain the HUMILITY of a child.

At that time the disciples came to Jesus, saying, "Who is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven?" And calling to him a child, he put him in the midst of them and said, "Truly, I say to you, unless you turn and become like children, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven. Whoever humbles himself like this child is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven. Matthew 18:1-4

Clothe yourselves, all of you, with humility toward one another, for "God opposes the proud but gives grace to the humble." 1 Peter 5:5



Andrew Murray: “Genuine humility isn’t to think less of yourself, but rather not to think of yourself at all.”

3) Have the HEART of a servant.

But it shall not be so among you. But whoever would be great among you must be your servant, and whoever would be first among you must be slave of all. For even the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many.” Mark 10:43-45

4) Keep HOLDING HIGH the Word of God.

For truly, I say to you, until heaven and earth pass away, not an iota, not a dot, will pass from the Law until all is accomplished. Therefore whoever relaxes one of the least of these commandments and teaches others to do the same will be called least in the kingdom of heaven, but whoever does them and teaches them will be called great in the kingdom of heaven. Matthew 5:18-19

3. THE APPLAUSE OF HEAVEN.

But he, full of the Holy Spirit, gazed into heaven and saw the glory of God, and Jesus standing at the right hand of God. And he said, “Behold, I see the heavens opened, and the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God.” Acts 7:55-56