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"The greatest among you must be a servant."
– Matthew 23:11

THE GREATNESS PRINCIPLE:

(See also Prov. 11:15; Matthew 10:39; Matt. 16:24; Acts 9; Phil 2; etc.)

"For even I, the Son of Man, came here not to be served but to serve others, and to give my life as a ransom for many."
– Matthew 20:28

"I have come that you might have life and have it more abundantly."
– John 10:10

HOW TO LIVE OUT THE GREATNESS PRINCIPLE

1. I _____ TO BLESS OTHERS EACH DAY.

MEMORY VERSE: *(The Great Compassion)*

"Then the King will say to those on the right, '... For I was hungry, and you fed me. I was thirsty, and you gave me a drink. I was a stranger, and you invited me into your home. I was naked, and you gave me clothing. I was sick, and you cared for me. I was in prison, and you visited me.' ... And the King will tell them, 'I assure you, when you did it to one of the least of these my brothers and sisters, you were doing it to me!'"
– Matthew 25:34-41

"Don't be selfish; don't live to make a good impression on others. Be humble, thinking of others as better than yourself."
– Philippians 2:3

2. INITIATE _____ AS _____ ME.

"The Lord says, 'I will guide you along the best pathway for your life. I will advise you and watch over you.'" – Psalm 32:8

"Do not withhold good from those who deserve it when it's in your power to help them. If you can help your neighbor now, don't say, 'Come back tomorrow, and then I'll help you.'"
– Proverbs 3:27-28

Key Question: How can I _____ respond?

Five Ways I Can Bless Others:

- Give My Time
- Share My Talent
- Invest My Treasure
- Encourage with My Talk
- Proclaim My Testimony

*“You know these things – now do them!
That is the path of blessing.”*
– John 13:17

3. FOCUS THE _____ TOWARD _____.

*“The greatest among you must be a servant. But those
who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those
who humble themselves will be exalted.”*
– Matthew 23:11-12

*“In all the work you are doing, work the best you can.
Work as if you were doing it for the Lord, not for people.”*
– Colossians. 3:23

*“Anyone who wants to be my disciple must follow me,
because my servants must be where I am. And the
Father will honor anyone who serves me.”*
– John 12:27

4. E _____ GOD TO _____ ME.

*“Give to others, and God will give to you...The measure you
use for others is the one that God will use for you.”*
– Luke 6:38

*“God blesses those who are merciful,
for they will be shown mercy.”*
– Matthew 5:7

Four Ways God Blesses Me:

- Tangible Blessings
- Intangible Blessings
- Greater Influence
- Visible Miracles

*“The one who blesses others is abundantly blessed;
those who help others are helped.”*
– Proverbs 11:25

Applying the Greatness Principle to My:

- **Church** (Hebrews 10:25; 1 Corinthians 12:7; 1 Timothy 4:14)
- **Family** (Exodus 20:12; Acts 16:31)
- **City/Community/World** (Prov. 14:21; Jer. 29:7; Matt. 22:39)
- **Money** (Matthew 6:21; Luke 10:30-37)
- **Unchurched Friends** (Matthew 5:14-16; Acts 20:24; Colossians 4:2-6; 1 Peter 3:15)

*“Let your good deeds shine out for all to see, so that everyone
will see your good works and give praise
to your Father who is in heaven.”*
– Matthew 5:16

MY NEXT STEP TODAY IS TO...

- ☐ Memorize Matthew 25:34-36.
- ☐ Commit to live out the Greatness Principle each day, specifically applying it to my _____.
- ☐ Receive Christ into my life and release all control to Him.
- ☐ Plan to attend the All Church Celebration & Chili Cook-off tonight at 6:00 p.m.