

## PERMISSION GRANTED: To Be Great

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Text: Mark 9:30-37; Romans 12:1-6; Philippians 1:27-2:16

Learn some Latin: **INCURVATUS IN SE**

### Mark 9:30-37

Pride and self-seeking is not REALLY able to be hidden.

Greatness from Jesus' perspective looks like a servant.

God wants us to be who He created us to be; therefore, He wants us to pursue greatness!

### Romans 12:1-6

A life on the altar reflects the life of Christ.

My spiritual gift is your name here.

### Philippians 1:27-2:16 (Pursuing Greatness as a Church)

Unity doesn't mean full agreement over every detail within the church, but unity DOES MEAN full agreement on the Gospel and its mission.

A united church is a servicing church.

A servicing church is a great church because it reflects Jesus.

Grumbling and disputing are indicators of incurvatus in se (selfishness).

EMBRACE GREATNESS: ASK THE QUESTION, "HOW CAN I SERVE YOU?"

## Food for Thought for the week of May 8, 2016

(Questions and Scriptures for further study and discussion.)

1. Relay one thing that stuck out to you in this message and explain why.
  2. Spend some time defining greatness from our culture's [commercials] perspective. Then Read Jeremiah 9:23-24 and talk about what delights the Lord.
  3. Read Romans 12:3 How do we practically "not think of ourselves more highly than we ought to think, but think with sober judgment"?
  4. Read Ephesians 4:1-3 Why is unity in our church so dependent upon each of us practicing humility? Also, spend some time coming up with a working definition of humility. Make sure everyone has a chance to weigh in.
  5. Read Philippians 2:1-4 What are the implied issues the church in Philippi needed to work on overcoming? How did Paul encourage them to work them out?  
Re-read verses 3-4 What gets in your way of being others-focused?  
[See also Phil. 2:19-21]
  6. Read Philippians 2:5-8 Describe the mindset Paul called this church to develop. What adjustments do each of you need to make to develop that kind of mindset?
  7. Read Philippians 2:9-11 What was Christ's pathway to being exalted by His Father as He was? Are we assigned the same pathway to greatness?
- Now go back to questions 5 & 6 and go deeper and be more specific about how each of you are going to live out these challenges.



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