

The Forgotten Side of Greatness

Matthew 20:26-28 John 13:12-16 Matthew 25:31-46 Philippians 2:3-5 1 Peter 4:10-11

- ✓ **Following Jesus means** _____ .

- ✓ **Serving others means** _____ .

Finding Our Niche & Our Calling – 1 Corinthians 12

- ✓ **We're all** _____ **&** _____ **to serve others.**

- ✓ **God decides** _____ .

- ✓ **The greater the** _____ **the less important the**
_____ .

Some Practical Advice for Servants

- 1) **Just do** _____ **!**
Matthew 25:14-30

- 2) **If the barn's burning –** _____ **!**
Luke 10:27-37

- 3) **Follow your successes – not your** _____ .
Romans 12:3

- 4) **Don't** _____ **or** _____ .
Matthew 6:1 Romans 14:4

Questions for Further Study

For the week of January 17th, 2010

1. Moses is an example of someone being called and used by God for something he initially had no passion for or perceived ability to accomplish. As you read Exodus 3:1-14 & 4:1-8, can you think of any benefit in Moses' thinking that he couldn't fulfill the role God had for him? What does God's reaction to Moses tell you about God's character and his response to us when we're not getting it?

2. Moses was used in a mighty way by God, but he also ran into some significant challenges because of his initial unwillingness to take on God's assignment. What were some of the adverse consequences of not fully embracing God's call and/or leading as God directed in the following passages?

Exodus 4:10-17

Numbers 12:1-16

Numbers 20:2-12

3. Now read the story of the Good Samaritan in Luke 10:30-36. List all the costs of being willing to meet the needs of the man on the road as he did. What in the list above comes most naturally to you? Which one would be most challenging?

4. How does Peter categorize our gifts and abilities in 1 Peter 4:10-11 and what are their purposes? Is there one category you tend to lean more toward than the other?

What specific examples in these two categories can you think of that "show God's grace" as Peter says they should?