

"THE MEASURE OF TRUE GREATNESS" Mkx
Matt. 20: 20-28

I. Man's Measurement

1. Position

A. Sons of Zebedee, v. 21

B. Pride of position illustrated by Dickens
in his story of Dombey and Son.

2. Wealth

3. Popularity, fame, applause

Story of high school student whose
teacher asked her if she was popular.

4. Dominion, power. v. 25

Ambition's appetite is insatiable.

When Napoleon got the crown of France
he wanted to be Emperor of Europe.

Caligula was mad because he coveted the
moon, and could the imperial lunatic have
obtained that he would have sought for
the sun! Ambition is like the ocean
which receives the waters from all the
rivers and yet is never more full because
of it.

II. God's Measurement

1. Service

A. Poem, "The Lord and Me"

B. Deacons are servants, according to
the root meaning of the word. They
are not elected to rule the church
but to serve it.

C. Many secular businesses succeed because
they make service their motto.

2. Humility

A. The Lord giveth grace to the humble.
B. The sinner cannot be saved until he
first humbles himself.

3. The Example of Christ. v. 28.

A. He came not to be ministered to

B. He ministered by his teaching, healing,
C. He ministered by His atoning death, in
giving his life a ransom for many.