

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

F. 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.