



**Main point** - Redefine greatness and pursue it

1. Jesus loved us and gave himself for us
2. We must redefine greatness
3. We are called to love others and give ourselves for them

**#1** : “These words are deeply instructive. They show us that the maxims of the world are directly contrary to the mind of Christ. The world’s idea of greatness is to rule, but Christian greatness consists in serving. The world’s ambition is to receive honor and attention, but the desire of the Christian should be to give rather than receive, and to attend on others rather than be attended on himself. In short, the man who lays himself out most to serve his fellow man...is the greatest man in the eyes of God.”

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**#2** : Isaiah 53:6

All we like sheep have gone astray;  
we have turned—every one—to his own way;  
and the LORD has laid on him  
the iniquity of us all.

**#3** : “They have imbibed the wine of rank, placement, and self-importance, and they import it into their fellowship with Jesus.”

James Edwards

The Gospel According to Mark

**#4**: “Pride is one of the commonest sins which beset human nature...We all naturally think far better of ourselves than we ought. We all naturally fancy that we deserve something better than we have. It is an old sin...It is a subtle sin. It rules and reigns in many a heart without being detected...It is a most soul-ruining sin. It prevents repentance, keeps men back from Christ,

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checks brotherly love, and nips in the bud spiritual anxiety. Let us watch against it, and be on our guard.”

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**#5:** 1Corinthians 12

There are varieties of gifts...But it is the same God who empowers them all in everyone...To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good...All these are empowered by...The same Spirit, who apportions to each one individually as he wills.

**#6:** 1 Corinthians 14

Since you are eager for manifestations of the Spirit, strive to excel in building up the church.....  
Let all things be done for building up.

**#7:** 1 Corinthians 13

Love does not envy or boast; it is not arrogant... It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful... The greatest is love.