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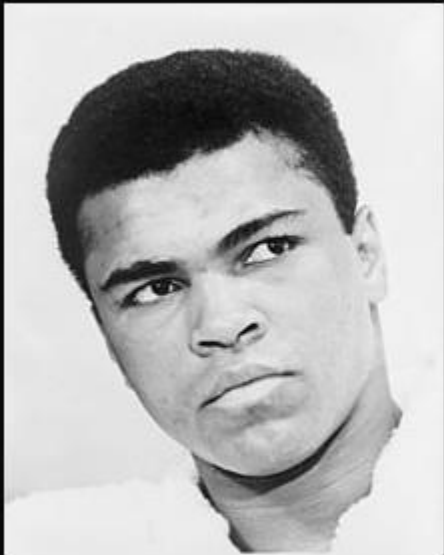
GREATEST?

Matthew 18:1-5

WEB GEMS







I AM THE GREATEST!

What makes a person great?

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- 2.

- 3.

- 4.

- 5.

THE CONTEXT:



Mark 9:30-37

“If anyone desires to be first, he shall be last of all and servant of all.”

Matthew 20:20-21

THE KINGDOM:

“They thought it would be an earthly kingdom with royal splendor and that the Jews would be supreme over all other nations; furthermore they thought that there would be distinctions and offices in it; someone must be high treasurer, some governors over provinces, and some prime ministers to stand near the throne.” (Gospel Advocate Commentaries)

“Kingdom of Heaven”

Found 32 times in the NT

All in the book of Matthew

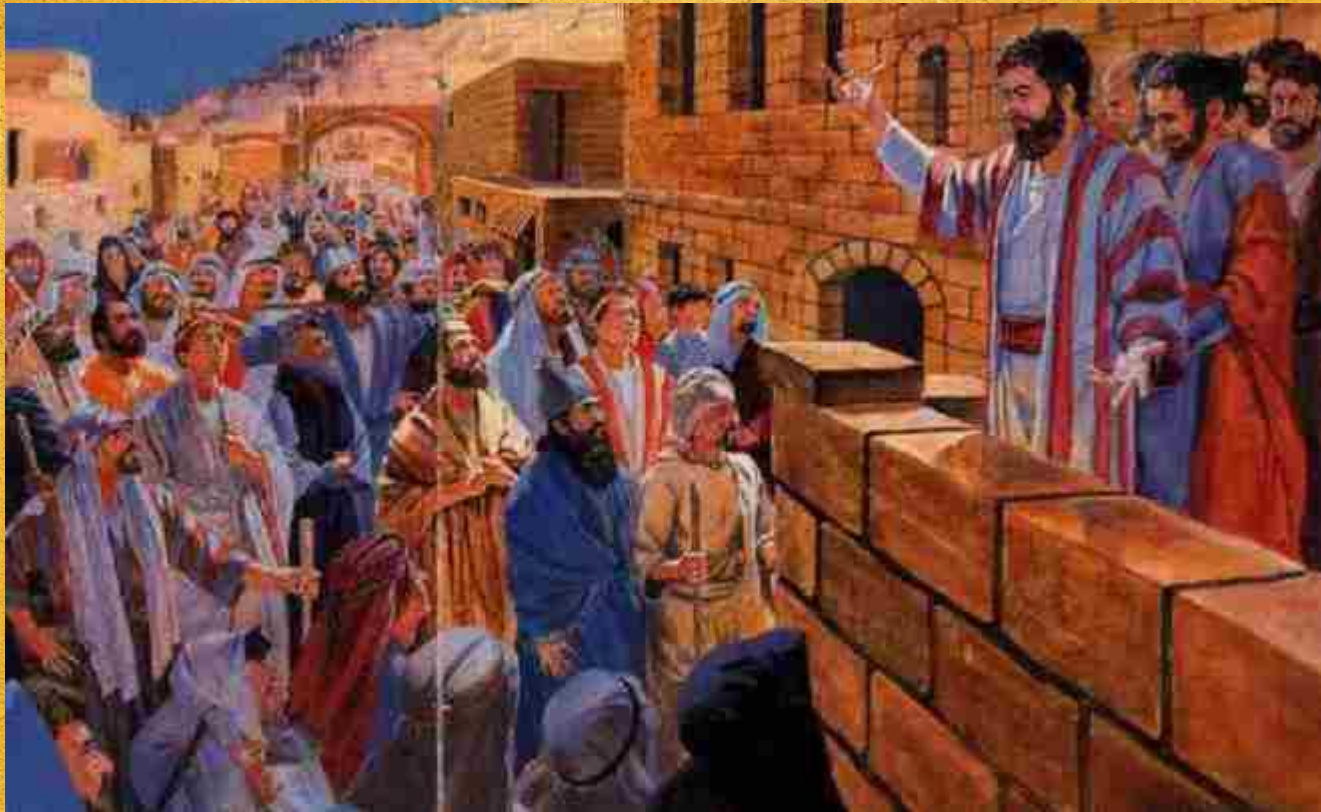
“Kingdom of God”

70 times in the NT

“Assuredly, I say to you that there are some standing here who will not taste death till they see the kingdom of God present with power.” Mark 9:1

And in the days of these kings the God of heaven will set up a kingdom which shall never be destroyed; and the kingdom shall not be left to other people; it shall break in pieces and consume all these kingdoms, and it shall stand forever. Daniel 2:44

Acts 1:6-8



Acts 2

THE ANSWER:



“Children have absolute faith, an absence of pride,
and the tendency to forgive easily.”
(TFT on Matthew, p.127)

THE IMPORTANCE:

In His call to be **childlike**, Jesus is NOT
suggesting that we be **childish**

Humility is NECESSARY

Matthew 18:3

Humility helps me be like Jesus

John 1:29

Philippians 2:5-8

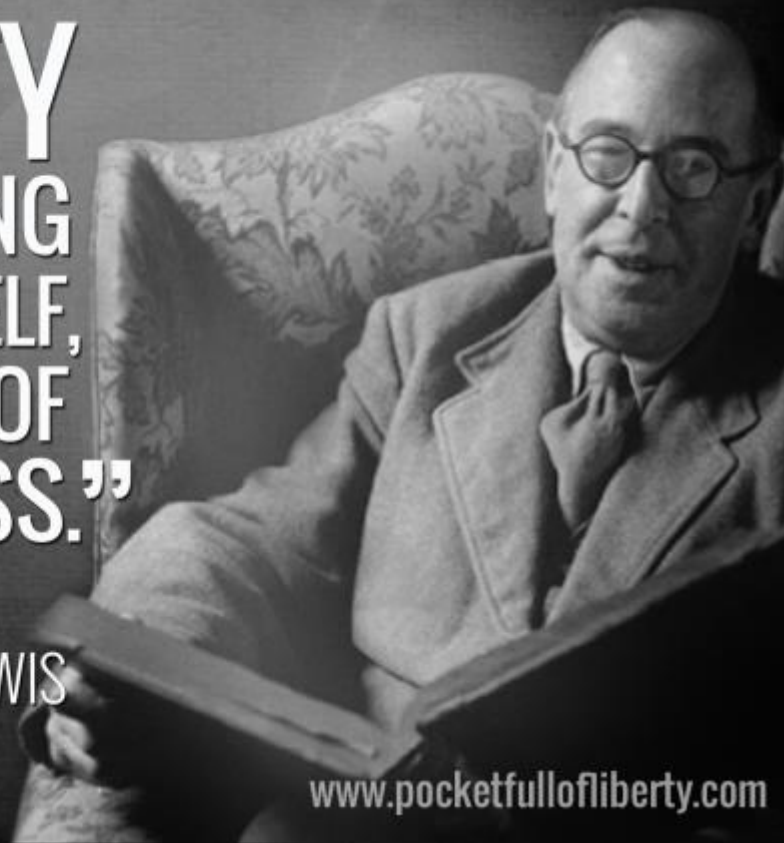
“And whoever exalts himself will be humbled, and he who humbles himself will be exalted.” Matthew 23:12

PARADOX

**“HUMILITY
IS NOT THINKING
LESS OF YOURSELF,
IT IS THINKING OF
YOURSELF LESS.”**

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Instructions from Paul:

Romans 12:3

1 Corinthians 10:12



Leonard Bernstein

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"As long as you are proud you cannot know God. A proud man is always looking down on things and people: and, of course, as long as you are looking down you cannot see something that is above you."

C.S. Lewis

Bible examples of humility:

“We know of no one in the Bible who rendered significant service to God who was not characterized by great humility.”

(Weldon Langfield, GA magazine)

Humility is necessary for true
repentance to take place

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