

Embracing the Call to Greatness

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Introduction

Be not afraid of greatness: some are born great, some achieve greatness, and some have greatness thrust upon them.

– William Shakespeare

- Inside each of us is the call to embrace the greatness
- The essence of greatness is time-consciousness (Kairos) When it is time for it, nothing else has impact

Introduction Continued

- Success & Failure result from choices moment by moment
 - Success is deliberate
 - Fail to Plan Plan to fail

Failure and mediocrity is deliberate

- Looking at circumstances rather than God

Principles of Greatness

- Know your intrinsic value
 - I Cor 7:23, II Cor 4:7-9
- Know that you have a purpose for being alive
 - Calling, Spiritual Gifts (Eph 3:14-20)
II Peter 1:3-10, Romans 11:29-32
- Make the decision to fulfill your purpose

Principles of Greatness Continued

- Decide not to be mediocre
- Become a master of what you do
- Share what you know
- Never stop learning and growing
- Think generationally

Principles of Greatness Continued

- Don't practice defiance for its own sake, but when necessary march to the beat of your own drummer
- Be Accountable
- Make wise use of your time
- Develop strong listening skills

Principles of Greatness Continued

- Pray for mentors and let them find you
- Visualize your success and greatness
- Work long, hard, and smart
- Understand the power of unconditional love I
Cor 13:1
- Draw from the power of the Holy Spirit in you

Greatness Characteristics

- Matthew 20:20-24 "Greatness is earned"
- Greatness comes through service and putting others ahead of you
 - Being mindful that you must be in shape to serve
- Clear communication
- Integrity

Greatness comes through Consensus & Diversity

- Both optimists and pessimists contribute to the greatness of society
 - Optimist invents the airplane
 - Pessimist invents the parachute
- All races, cultures have contributed to society
 - Robert Peary had the finances
 - Matthew Henson, discovered the North Pole

World's Definition



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FAITHFUL

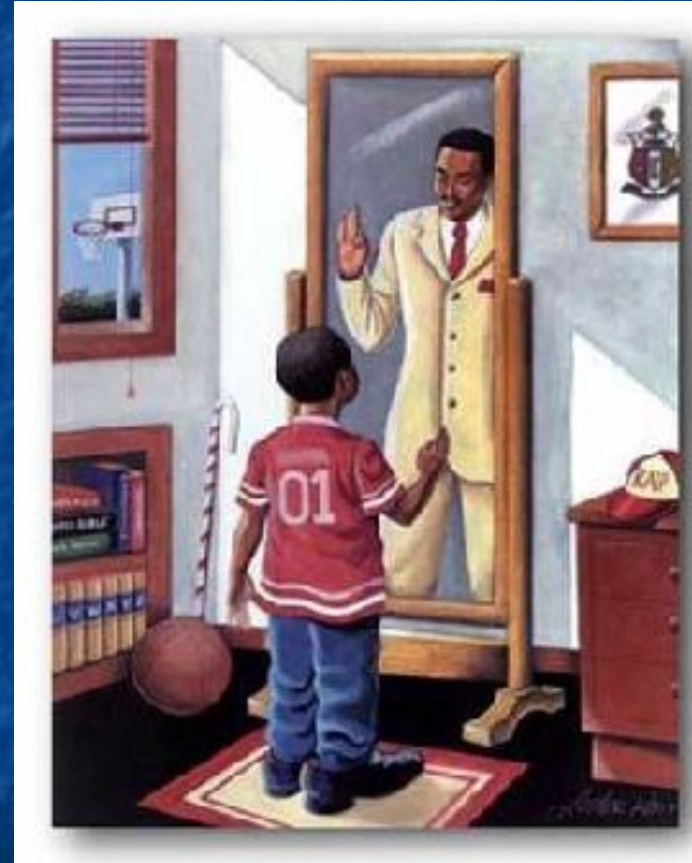


Greatness cannot be bought

- **Acts 8:9-13 "Simony"**

Greatness is nurtured

- Help them to see it
- Help them resolve conflict
- See the Spirituality of moving
from immaturity to maturity
- Understand his need for a rite
Of passage



Starts With Us

- Wanted to see if the President of The United States hair felt like his



Greatness is Yours!

- Your Victory and deliverance is in direct proportion to your belief and faith in God!
- Psalm 24:9 “ Lift up your heads, O ye gates; even lift them up, ye everlasting doors; and the King of glory shall come in.
- Grab your Deliverance!