**Truth Sowers Life Group**

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**God’s Secret Kingdom – The Law of Greatness**

**Matthew 18:1-4**

**Introduction:**

***All people want to be great. Everyone wants to leave their mark on life.***

The whole point of this series on The Secret Kingdom is to show you that God’s Kingdom is available, **NOW**, for us to enter into and for us to draw from. God wants us to learn to reach into the Kingdom of God NOW and take what we need. We need the blessings and the promises of the Kingdom of God NOW, not when we get to Heaven. Healing is one of the promises of this wonderful Kingdom. Will we need healing when we go to be WITH the Lord? No! We need HIS promises NOW! There are certain laws in The Secret Kingdom that work just like laws on earth. As we learn to recognize those laws and gear our life toward those laws, we will begin to walk in God’s blessings.

So far we have talked about the Law of Reciprocity, the Law of Use, the Law of Perseverance and the Law of Responsibility. Today we are going to talk about the Law of Greatness and the Law of Unity.

The Law of Greatness

1. Everyone desires to be great and to leave their mark on this life.
	1. It has always been this way and was this way in Jesus’ day.

**Matthew 18:1-4**

At that time the disciples came to Jesus, saying, “Who then is greatest in the kingdom of heaven?” 2Then Jesus called a little child to Him, set him in the midst of them, 3and said, “Assuredly, I say to you, unless you are converted and become as little children, you will by no means enter the kingdom of heaven. 4Therefore whoever humbles himself as this little child is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven.

* 1. Even Satan wanted to be greater than God.
		1. Satan is NOT an equal opposite to God.
		2. Satan is NOT all powerful.
		3. Satan cannot read your mind.
		4. Satan cannot be in all places at one time.

**Isaiah 14:12-17**

*12“How you are fallen from heaven, O Lucifer,[[b](http://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Isaiah%2014&version=NKJV" \l "fen-NKJV-17941b" \o "See footnote b)] son of the morning! How you are cut down to the ground, You who weakened the nations! 13****For you have said in your heart: ‘I will ascend into heaven, I will exalt my throne above the stars of God; I will also sit on the mount of the congregation On the farthest sides of the north; 14I will ascend above the heights of the clouds, I will be like the Most High.’*** *15Yet you shall be brought down to Sheol, To the lowest depths of the Pit. 16“Those who see you will gaze at you, And consider you, saying: ‘Is this the man who made the earth tremble, Who shook kingdoms, 17Who made the world as a wilderness And destroyed its cities, Who did not open the house of his prisoners?’*

* 1. The Apostles argued again about who would be the greatest.

**Luke 22:24-30**

*24-26Within minutes they were bickering over who of them would end up the greatest. But Jesus intervened: “Kings like to throw their weight around and people in authority like to give themselves fancy titles. It’s not going to be that way with you. Let the senior among you become like the junior; let the leader act the part of the servant. 27-30“Who would you rather be: the one who eats the dinner or the one who serves the dinner? You’d rather eat and be served, right? But I’ve taken my place among you as the one who serves. And you’ve stuck with me through thick and thin. Now I confer on you the royal authority my Father conferred on me so you can eat and drink at my table in my kingdom and be strengthened as you take up responsibilities among the congregations of God’s people.*

1. What are some of the dangers of being great?
	1. Pride
		1. Satan lost everything because of his pride.
		2. **QUOTE:** *Pride is the ground in which all other sins grow.* William Barkley
	2. Being irresponsible with what God gives you.
	3. Deception, thinking you are more than you are.

**Romans 12:3**

*Because of the grace that God gave me, I can say to each one of you: don’t think of yourself more highly than you ought to think. Instead, be reasonable since God has measured out a portion of faith to each one of you.*

* + 1. We should not think MORE of ourselves than we should.
		2. Some people don’t think as highly of themselves as they should.
			1. We are the PEOPLE OF GOD!
			2. We hold the power of Heaven in the words of our mouth!
	1. Destruction because of pride, irresponsibility and deception.
		1. Some people can’t handle greatness
	2. Arrogance, thinking that we had something to do with greatness when it all comes from God.

**Deuteronomy 8:18**

*Remember the LORD your God. He is the one who gives you power to be successful, in order to fulfill the covenant he confirmed to your ancestors with an oath.*

**James 1:17**

*Whatever is good and perfect comes down to us from God our Father, who created all the lights in the heavens. He never changes or casts a shifting shadow.*

1. To be the Greatest, we must be the Least.
	1. The mother of James and John even got into the argument about who would be the greatest.

**Matthew 20:20-28**

*20Then the mother of Zebedee’s sons came to Jesus with her two sons. She bowed down in front of him to ask him for a favor. 21“What do you want?” he asked her. She said to him, “Promise that one of my sons will sit at your right and the other at your left in your kingdom.” 22Jesus replied, “You don’t realize what you’re asking. Can you drink the cup that I’m going to drink?” “We can,” they told him. 23Jesus said to them, “You will drink my cup. But I don’t have the authority to grant you a seat at my right or left. My Father has already prepared these positions for certain people.” 24When the other ten apostles heard about this, they were irritated with the two brothers. 25Jesus called the apostles and said, “You know that the rulers of nations have absolute power over people and their officials have absolute authority over people. 26But that’s not the way it’s going to be among you. Whoever wants to become great among you will be your servant. 27Whoever wants to be most important among you will be your slave. 28It’s the same way with the Son of Man. He didn’t come so that others could serve him. He came to serve and to give his life as a ransom for many people.”*

* 1. All of the Laws of the Secret Kingdom work opposite of how they work on earth.
	2. To be a GREAT leader – Be a GREAT servant.
	3. To be a GREAT manager – get your people what they need to do their jobs, SERVE them!

**Conclusion:** Jesus came to earth to be a servant, to show mankind the way to Heaven, to the Father! We need great people in this country and in this world now who are Godly people. We need people who understand the Law of Greatness. We need them in our government to pull our congressmen and senators together to do what is right for our country in God’s sight. We need them in our world to do what is right in God’s sight for our world. We need great people in our races to deal with sin that affects races and nations.