

the greatness principle

MESSAGE NOTES

The Applause of Service: Being Great in the Eyes of God

Sunday, September 27, 2026 | Tommy Duke

First Baptist Church of Garden City

(Jesus)

“The greatest among you must be a servant.”

– Matthew 23:11

The Greatness Principle:

WHEN I _____, GOD _____.

TO BECOME GREAT IN GOD’S EYES

- I SERVE BECAUSE GOD _____.

(Jesus) *“For even the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve others and to give his life as a ransom for many.”* – Matthew 20:28

“You must have the same attitude that Christ Jesus had... he gave up his divine privileges; he took the humble position of a slave and was born as a human being. When he appeared in human form, he humbled himself in obedience to God and died a criminal’s death on a cross.” – Philippians 2:5, 7-8

- I SERVE BECAUSE GOD HAS _____.

“This is why I remind you to fan into flames the spiritual gift God gave you...” – 2 Timothy 1:6

“God has given each of you a gift from his great variety of spiritual gifts. Use them well to serve one another.”
– 1 Peter 4:10

- I SERVE BECAUSE GOD HAS _____.

“Just as our bodies have many parts and each part has a special function, so it is with Christ’s body. We are many parts of one body, and we all belong to each other.” – Romans 12:4-5

• **I SERVE BECAUSE GOD _____.**

*“When God’s people are in need, be ready to help them. Always be eager to practice hospitality.”
– Romans 12:13*

“Therefore, whenever we have the opportunity, we should do good to everyone – especially to those in the family of faith.” – Galatians 6:10

• **I SERVE BECAUSE GOD _____.**

“For we must all stand before Christ to be judged. We will each receive whatever we deserve for the good or evil we have done in this earthly body.” – 2 Corinthians 5:10

(Jesus) *“And since I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you ought to wash each other’s feet. I have given you an example to follow. Do as I have done to you... Now that you know these things, God will bless you for doing them.” – John 13:14-15, 17*

Memory Verse:

“The generous will prosper; those who refresh others will themselves be refreshed.” – Proverbs 11:25

MY NEXT STEP TODAY IS TO:

- ☐ Memorize Proverbs 11:25.
- ☐ Choose a life of service to God and others because of what Jesus has done for me.
- ☐ Step up to serve God’s church, specifically in the following ministry area(s):
 - ___ 1st Impressions ___ Audio/Video Team ___ Property/Space
 - ___ Kitchen Committee ___ GC Students ___ GC Kids
 - ___ Leading a Fall Growth Group ___ Hosting a Fall Group
- ☐ Sign up for the next FBC Membership Class after church on Sunday, November 1 (12:15-2:45pm).

* Join us next Sunday, October 4, at 11:00am, for **Groves Rebels Recognition Sunday** and the kick-off of our new fall teaching series, *“Questions I’ve Wanted to Ask God.”* Invite your friends and family to join us!



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