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How do you become great in God's kingdom?



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1. The call to serve is clear but it can also be complicated and costly



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WHAT THE DISCIPLES WANT

- To be top of the pile. They had a reluctance to serve
- Similarly, the rich young ruler (Mark 10:21-23), didn't serve wholeheartedly because of a love of money



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The Entertainer won't let a tough year ruin the toy chain's Christmas

Founder Gary Grant is giving all his staff Christmas Eve off despite a 'terrible' few months and the troubles of rival Toys R Us



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The Entertainer 'will not open on Christmas Eve' declares devout Christian owner

Popular toy shop chain will reportedly miss out on £2m in sales



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3. How do we give?
 - a. Thought through, not sporadically (2 Cor 9:7)
 - b. Gladly, not under compulsion or reluctantly (2 Cor 8 and 9)
4. Could we excel in the grace of giving? (2 cor 8:7)



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Obstacles to service

1. Love of money (Mark 10: 17-27)
2. Desire for status (10: 35-37, 41)



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What Jesus does

- Doesn't crush the ambition of James and John. Instead, he redirects it
- God always out-gives and out serves us (10:33-34, 45)



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