



Rock Point Church  
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### **NBA STATISTICS:**

**Most championships:** Bill Russel

**Most games won:** Kareem Abdul-Jabbar

**Highest winning percentage:** Kawhi Leonard

**Most points ever:** LeBron James

**Most points per game:** Michael Jordan

**Longest career:** Vince Carter

**Highest peak production:** Wilt Chamberlain

**Most MVPs:** Kareem Abdul-Jabbar

**How do you measure greatness?**

**BIG IDEA | God measures greatness through humility not ability.**

### **Matthew 18:1 (NLT)**

<sup>1</sup> About that time the disciples came to Jesus and asked, “Who is greatest in the Kingdom of Heaven?”

### **Mark 9:33-35 (NLT)**

<sup>33</sup> After they arrived at Capernaum and settled in a house, Jesus asked his disciples, “What were you discussing out on the road?” <sup>34</sup> But they didn’t answer, because they had been arguing about which of them

was the greatest. <sup>35</sup> He sat down, called the twelve disciples over to him, and said, “Whoever wants to be first must take last place and be the servant of everyone else.”

### **Matthew 18:2-3 (NLT)**

<sup>2</sup> Jesus called a little child to him and put the child among them. <sup>3</sup> Then he said, “I tell you the truth, unless you turn from your sins and become like little children, you will never get into the Kingdom of Heaven.

### **Kingdom greatness is...**

- **Repentance over achievement.**

### **Luke 5:31-32 (NLT)**

<sup>31</sup> Jesus answered them, “Healthy people don’t need a doctor—sick people do. <sup>32</sup> I have come to call not those who think they are righteous, but those who know they are sinners and need to repent.”

### **Micah 6:6-8 (NLT)**

<sup>6</sup> What can we bring to the Lord?

Should we bring him burnt offerings?

Should we bow before God Most High

with offerings of yearling calves?

<sup>7</sup> Should we offer him thousands of rams

and ten thousand rivers of olive oil?

Should we sacrifice our firstborn children

to pay for our sins?

<sup>8</sup> No, O people, the Lord has told you what is good,

and this is what he requires of you:

to do what is right, to love mercy,  
and to walk humbly with your God.

### **Matthew 18:4 (NLT)**

<sup>4</sup> So anyone who becomes as humble as this little child is the greatest in the Kingdom of Heaven.

### **Kingdom greatness is...**

- **Repentance over achievement.**
- **Humility over pride.**

### **Matthew 21:15-16 (NLT)**

<sup>15</sup> The leading priests and the teachers of religious law saw these wonderful miracles and heard even the children in the Temple shouting, "Praise God for the Son of David."

But the leaders were indignant. <sup>16</sup> They asked Jesus, "Do you hear what these children are saying?"

"Yes," Jesus replied. "Haven't you ever read the Scriptures? For they say, 'You have taught children and infants to give you praise.'"

### **Matthew 18:5-10 (NLT)**

<sup>5</sup> "And anyone who welcomes a little child like this on my behalf is welcoming me. <sup>6</sup> But if you cause one of these little ones who trusts in me to fall into sin, it would be better for you to have a large millstone tied around your neck and be drowned in the depths of the sea.

<sup>7</sup> "What sorrow awaits the world, because it tempts people to sin. Temptations are inevitable, but what sorrow awaits the person who does the tempting. <sup>8</sup> So if your hand or foot causes you to sin, cut it off and throw it away. It's better to enter eternal life with only one hand or

one foot than to be thrown into eternal fire with both of your hands and feet. <sup>9</sup> And if your eye causes you to sin, gouge it out and throw it away. It's better to enter eternal life with only one eye than to have two eyes and be thrown into the fire of hell.

<sup>10</sup> "Beware that you don't look down on any of these little ones. For I tell you that in heaven their angels are always in the presence of my heavenly Father."

### **Kingdom greatness is...**

- **Repentance over achievement.**
- **Humility over pride.**
- **Childlike not childish.**