

**Series: American Idols**

**The American Idol Named “Success”  
Mark 10:35-45**

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- I. Myths of Success.
  - A. There are some myths we need to come to terms with and the first is that success is equal to greatness.
  - B. The next myth is that Jesus condemns greatness.
    1. “Not so with you. Instead, whoever wants to become great among you must be your servant, and whoever wants to be first must be slave of all. For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many.” Mark 10:43-45
  
- II. Defining the Idol Named “Success.”
  - A. Your life and passions will determine what you consider success.
    1. Luke 12:16-22
    2. “Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy, and where thieves break in and steal. But store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where moth and rust do not destroy, and where thieves do not break in and steal. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.” Matthew 6:19-21
  
- III. True Success is Being a Servant.
  - A. What is true success to Jesus?
    1. “They came to Capernaum. When he was in the house, he asked them, ‘What were you arguing about on the road?’ But they kept quiet because on the way they had argued about who was the greatest. Sitting down, Jesus called the Twelve and said, ‘If anyone wants to be first, he must be the very last, and the servant of all.’ He took a little child and had him stand among them. Taking him in his arms, he said to them, ‘Whoever welcomes one of these little children in my name welcomes me; and whoever welcomes me does not welcome me but the one who sent me.’” Mark 9:33-37
  - B. What are you doing with your life that God considers to be successful?
    1. “Your attitude should be the same as that of Christ Jesus: Who, being in very nature God, did not consider equality with God something to be grasped, but made himself nothing, taking the very nature of a servant, being made in human likeness. And being found in appearance as a man, he humbled himself and became obedient to death - even death on a cross!” Philippians 2:5-8