The Law of Service

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> 26 It shall not be thus among you, but whoever will be great among you,
> shall be your servant; 27 and whoever will be first among you, let him be
> your bondman;

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There are some people with a little measure of "position" who seem to accept all favors shown to them, and all services rendered to them by others, as *due* to them because of their exalted rank, or their exceeding importance among men. They stand upon their dignity, and in effect *demand* attention, and a degree of subserviency from their plain, ordinary fellow-men. They complain, if by any accident they appear not to receive their due quota of honor. They seem to feel that their high place among men — entitles them to a great deal of consideration; and they are offended if they do not get it!

It would seem, however, in the light of our Lord's teaching, that the truly *greatest* among men — are those who are most ready to *serve*. **The haughty spirit described above, is scarcely, therefore, a mark of real greatness in Christ's eye — but**

really, a mark of littleness. All self-seeking is littleness. The *law of service* is taken from the very heart of God; nothing else is truly great

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