



True Greatness // Vijay Krishnan // August 1, 2021

Our world, in many ways, is about pursuing what's next, what's better, what's greater. Greatness has really taken on a whole new level in our lives, and people of every age and stage are looking for the next best way to achieve greatness. A better job, a bigger house, a more successful business, a happier family, a higher education--it's all a constant pursuit that on the other side can sometimes leave us with regrets. We have all been made, even created, with something in us that desires greatness. But how do we have true greatness without regrets?

Scripture: [1 Corinthians 13:1-7 NIV](#)

Bottom Line: While you may be focused on your success, God is focused on your character.

Getting Started:

1. What does it mean to be truly great? What kinds of words or distinctions come to mind?
2. What kinds of things might hold someone back from achieving true greatness? Do any of those things resonate with you?
3. When you hear someone talk about love, what first comes to mind?

Jumping In:

4. Have you ever pursued greatness at the expense of something or someone? Did you have any feelings of regret on the other side of that pursuit?
5. Where have you heard this passage from 1 Corinthians read typically? Do you think that has limited the way you understand and live out these verses?

Discuss:

6. Vijay shared that this section of [1 Corinthians](#) "describes greatness not in terms of faith, or virtue, or giftings, but in terms of character." Did this surprise you? Why or why not?

7. Read [verses 4-7](#). Which of these attributes do you want to see more of in your life? Ask yourself:
 - a. How can I prioritize asking Jesus for more of his character in my life?
 - b. What step(s) could I take to put these into practice?
8. Vijay shared that, "Pride sabotages our ability to show love and our ability to receive love." Have you ever experienced these outcomes in your life? Consider sharing your experience.
9. As you are seeking to grow (or become "great") in your career or education, what does love have to do with it?
10. What relationship or situation is testing your patience, kindness, or self-control? What would it look like to respond in love?