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Then his disciples began arguing about which of them was the greatest. But Jesus knew their thoughts, so he brought a little child to his side.

Luke 9:46-47 (NLT)

Then they began to argue among themselves about who would be the greatest among them. Jesus told them, “In this world the kings and great men lord it over their people, yet they are called ‘friends of the people.’”

Luke 22:24-25 (NLT)

**But among you it will be different.
Those who are the greatest
among you should take the lowest
rank, and the leader should be like
a servant.**

Luke 22:26 (NLT)

is more important, the one who sits at the table or the one who serves? The one who sits at the table, of course. But not here! For I am among you as one who serves. “You have stayed with me in my time of trial.

Luke 22:27-28 (NLT)

Don't you realize that in a race everyone runs, but only one person gets the prize? So run to win! All athletes are disciplined in their training. They do it to win a prize that will fade away, but we do it for an eternal prize.

1 Corinthians 9:24-25

So I run with purpose in every step. I am not just shadowboxing. I discipline my body like an athlete, training it to do what it should.

Otherwise, I fear that after preaching to others I myself might be disqualified.

1 Corinthians 9:26-27