

Fame is the New Black



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Eighty-one percent of 18- to 25-year-olds surveyed in a Pew Research Center poll said getting rich is their generations most important or second-most-important life goal; 51% said the same about being famous. "Famous people are in their faces so much more, and as a society, we have escalated the value we put on celebrities,"

Being Famous is all about me, Being great is all about serving God and others.

"I think everybody should get rich and famous and do everything they ever dreamed of so they can see that it's not the answer".

Actor Jim Carrey

Ecclesiastes 12:7-13 So our bodies return to the earth, and the life-giving breath returns to God. ⁸ Nothing makes sense. I have seen it all nothing makes sense. ⁹I was a wise teacher with much understanding, and I collected a number of proverbs that I had carefully studied. ¹⁰Then I tried to explain these things in the best and most accurate way. ¹¹Words of wisdom are like the stick a farmer uses to make animals move. These sayings come from God, our only shepherd, and they are like nails that fasten things together. ¹²My child, I warn you to stay away from any teachings except these. There is no end to books, and too much study will wear you out. ¹³Everything you were taught can be put into a few words: Respect and obey God! This is what life is all about. *Contemporary English Version*

Mark 9:33-37 They came to Capernaum. When he was safe at home, he asked them, "What were you discussing on the road?" ³⁴The silence was deafening they had been arguing with one another over who among them was greatest. ³⁵He sat down and summoned the Twelve. "So you want first place? Then take the last place. Be the servant of all." ³⁶He put a child in the middle of the room. Then, cradling the little one in his arms, he said, ³⁷"Whoever embraces one of these children as I do embraces me, and far more than me—God who sent me." *The Message*

I Peter 4:10 Each of you has received a gift to use to serve others. Be good servants of God's various gifts of grace. *New Century Version*