

“Big Shot”
Mark 9:33-37
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“No you are NOT! You are just trying to be a Big Shot!” cried Polly.

“Face it Polly! I am NOT a Big Shot. I’m just more important than YOU! I am one year older than you.” said Haman, taking notice that he was making Polly cry. He tried to hide the smile on his face.

“What are you arguing about?” demanded their father, Mr. Potato Head The Son. But Polly and Haman did not answer.

Perhaps Mr. Potato Head is more important than Polly and Haman?

Or is MRS. Potato Head more important than Mr. Potato Head?

Who IS more important. Who IS more great?

Is Larry greater than his father, Pastor Ed?

What about Aunt Gertrude? Who likes her? . . . Well, she DID pay all the costs for Barabas’s operations in the past few years. Is SHE Great?

Is Uncle Floyd more important . . . or is Barabas?

Sometimes, when things don’t look so good for us, we try to make ourselves look better by pretending to be more important than the other person. That is what happens with Polly and Haman. Haman ACTS more important than Polly, especially when he feels LESS important. Does that make sense? I don’t know if YOU ever do that or not? I think that MOST of us do that. We try to be MORE important than the other person. That is mostly because we want to be noticed and loved more.

This happens to the best of us. Even to grown-ups. Even to the disciples that followed Jesus. One day Jesus saw that they had been arguing, but when he asked what the argument was about, they did not answer.

But Jesus knew. He knew that the argument had been about ‘Which Disciple Is The Greatest.’

And His answer to the argument was to take up a little child into his arms and hold her and say “Who ever welcomes . . . and notices . . . and loves . . . a small child welcomes me and my Father in Heaven.”

Hmmmm, it is just as important to notice and love a child, or your brother or sister as it is to notice and love Jesus . . .!

So there is no need to be a Big Shot.

In fact, that is just what Mrs. Potato Head said to Haman. “There is no need to be a Big Shot. I love you both.”

I think Mrs. Potato Head loves EVERYONE! I think she even loves YOU!

THE END.