

First Come, First Serve

Final part of the series, "Fundamentals: Basic Steps for Spiritual Growth"

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Mark 10: 35-45 NIV

We must leverage our current POSITION to fulfill our God-given PURPOSE.

"They replied, 'Let one of us sit at your right and the other at your left in your glory.' ³⁸'You don't know what you are asking,' Jesus said. 'Can you drink the cup I drink or be baptized with the baptism I am baptized with?' ³⁹'We can,' they answered. Jesus said to them, 'You will drink the cup I drink and be baptized with the baptism I am baptized with, ⁴⁰but to sit at my right or left is not for me to grant.'" (v. 37-40)

"And God is able to bless you abundantly, so that in all things at all times, having all that you need, you will abound in every good work." (2 Corinthians 9:8 NIV)

"For the Son of Man came to seek and to save the lost." (Luke 19:10 NIV)

Our definition of GREATNESS will determine our EFFECTIVENESS.

"When the ten heard about this, they became indignant with James and John. ⁴²Jesus called them together and said, 'You know that those who are regarded as rulers of the Gentiles lord it over them, and their high officials exercise authority over them. ⁴³Not so with you. Instead, whoever wants to become great among you must be your servant, ⁴⁴and whoever wants to be first must be slave of all.'" (v. 41-44)

*"...have the same **mindset** as Christ Jesus: ⁶Who, being in very nature God, did not consider equality with God something to be used to his own advantage; ⁷rather, he made himself nothing by taking the very nature of a servant..." (Philippians 2:5-7 NIV)*

We must serve OTHERS because Jesus FIRST served us.

*"For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a **ransom** for many." (v. 45)*

"It is for freedom that Christ has set us free. Stand firm, then, and do not let yourselves be burdened again by a yoke of slavery... You, my brothers and sisters, were called to be free. But do not use your freedom to indulge the flesh; rather, serve one another humbly in love." (Galatians 5:1, 13 NIV)

*"Jesus knew that the Father had put all things under his power, and that he had come from God and was returning to God; ⁴so he got up from the meal, took off his outer clothing, and wrapped a towel around his waist. ⁵After that, he poured water into a basin and began to wash his disciples' feet, drying them with the towel that was wrapped around him... ¹²When he had finished washing their feet, he put on his clothes and **returned to his place**." (John 13:3-5, 12 NIV)*

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