

God's Servant Honors Humility
Mark 10:13-45

Central Idea: God freely offers the Kingdom of Heaven to everyone. We obtain the gift of God's Kingdom through placing everything in Jesus' hands.

The Kingdom of Heaven belongs to those who are completely . . .

Quality #1: Trusting in God.

How do I bring my children to Jesus?

1. Pray over them daily.
2. Read the Bible to them daily.
3. Teach them the meaning of the scriptures.
4. Help them to love Jesus' church.
5. Set an example by being a devoted follower of Jesus.

Truth: The eternal happiness of our children rests upon their connection to Jesus. Let us do all in our power to bring them to Jesus.

Truth: The Kingdom of God belongs to those who are childlike in their humble trust in God.

Truth: Children are God's illustration teaching us that we must come to Him helpless. Children teach us to we ask in faith, and that God freely gives kingdom life to all who ask.

Quality #2: Detached from the world. Attached to Christ.

Truth: As long as we think that we are measuring up to God's standards, Jesus cannot be our Savior. Our ability to profit from Jesus requires us to see the depth of our offense against the LORD.

Truth: No one who forfeits this world to gain Jesus loses. All who place the things of this world behind us to follow Jesus will gain infinitely more than we can imagine.

Truth: Jesus is not asking us to make an empty sacrifice for Him. Jesus is calling us to make a wise decision to receive the greater treasure that He offers rather than hold on to the treasure of this present world.

Quality #3: Centered on Jesus' death.

Jesus tells His disciples of the cost that He endures for three reasons:

Reason #1: Jesus wants us to know the depth of His love for us.

Reason #2: Jesus wants us to know the weight of our sin.

Reason #3: Jesus wants us to keep His cross always in view.

Truth: We grow in kingdom life when we know His love, know our own sinfulness and fix our eyes upon Jesus' cross.

The cross is the place where our sins are fully punished.
 The cross is the place where our soul is washed perfectly clean.
 The cross is the place where Jesus' love is felt and received.
 The cross is the place where our pride is undone.
 The cross is the place where we lose ourselves and find God.
 The cross is the place where the devil is defeated.
 The cross is the place where death loses its forever sting.
 The cross is the place where resurrection power is unleashed.
 The cross is the place where eternal life is secured.
 The cross is the place where sinners are made sons and daughters of God.

"May I never boast except in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, through which the world has been crucified to me, and I to the world." (Galatians 6:14 [NIV](#))

Quality #4: Given to serving.

Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility count others more significant than yourselves. Let each of you look not only to his own interests, but also to the interests of others. Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus," (Philippians 2:3-5 [ESV](#))

Truth: Jesus' call to servanthood is NOT a call of personal responsibility. It is a call to personal gain!!

- Serving means that we see the needs of others.
- Serving means that we act to care for the needs of others.
- Serving means that we do not expect reward from people.
- Serving means that we are content if only God notices.
- Serving means that we rejoice to be able to give to others.
- Serving means that we are not controlled by the demands of others
- Serving means that we do not complain when the service we receive is below our standards.
- Serving means that we do not push others to do more.
- Serving means that we lower our expectations on what others should do for us.
- Serving means that we forgive when others are selfish.
- Serving means that we do not evaluate the worthiness of the people we serve.
- Serving means that we are led by God's Spirit and not by others expectations.
- Serving means that we think of ourselves less and less.
- Serving means that we think of Jesus more and more.