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Servant hood

Three passages in 3 chs.

Mark 9:30-35

Mark 10:32-45

In each case Jesus is trying to tell His disciples of His coming suffering and death - to set the stage for

His sacrificial death for their sake - ^{-serving them}

But the disciples don't understand and ~~on the one hand~~ the contrast is striking

Why don't they hear? ^{Jesus is + understood!} They are all fighting and jockeying for position + power

(Mk 9) passage arguing which is greatest

+ the other, 2 of them coming up +

(Mk 10) asking for position in the Kingdom

On the one hand you have Christ's determination to sacrifice himself for their sake. On the other hand you have their determination to sacrifice anyone around them for their own sake

These men coveted a crown of glory ~~but a crown of thorns~~

They wanted coronation, not crucifixion

And They are a picture of us all! ^{Here} we are looking right into the heart of every person - all fallen people are selfish + self-seeking - to dominate + control others for our own self-interest

Three paragraphs in 3 cols.

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② But Christ taught^{us} that between ourselves & glory stands the cross Mk. 8:- end

"If anyone would follow me let him take up his cross & follow me" - the place of service & sacrifice

Nothing could be more typical of fallen man than to dominate, to manipulate others for our own self-interest

Everybody, either secretly or openly, desires to control somebody else for their own benefit, whatever our strong areas are, we use them to dominate other people, to get their attention, to bind them to us so we can fulfill our desires

What areas can we list? where are

① We covet physical beauty - is it in order to serve? Or is it a tool by which we can enslave the desires of other people & more easily manipulate them? Go third title of talking to a girl who felt she was ugly. He asked her if she wanted beauty in order to serve others in the body? or to draw attention to her self? It's obvious the latter

② Physical prowess for the guys' machismo

③ Later it becomes the mind It's how many people do you have under you?

④ Spirituality ^{or Bible knowledge} gives the ability to lord-it-over if used wrongly - phony

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(3) Given the falleness & selfishness of all of us
~~The~~ ^{really} question arises - "If I want to
become spiritual how do I do it?"

Christ teaches us here that the way up
to spiritual maturity & leadership is
always down. It isn't "how many
people do you have under you?" - it's "how
many people have you gotten under?"

"How many people have you served today?"
In the Bible the picture of a "servant" is the most
accurate picture of a ^{mature} Christian ~~in the~~
After all, Christ said He came not to
be served but to serve.

There are many passages against selfish ambition
(James 3:14) "If you have bitter jealousy and
selfish ambition in your heart do not be
arrogant and so be against the truth.
This 'wisdom' is not that which comes down
from above but is earthly, natural or
fleshly ~~or~~ spiritual, even demonic."

The "selfish ambition" is the key.
This does not mean, ^{however} we should be
passive in our spiritual life & wait
for God to move us. Paul tells us
in (I Tim.) to "seek to be an overseer"
in the church - but to be a leader or
an overseer does not mean being a
'boss' in our understanding. To be a
leader in ~~God's~~ Christ's Body means
being the servant of all the members
- serving is the way to be remembered in your life.

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served today?

Belgian ambassador

Healy

'good'

We need to honestly admit how externally we live + make our judgments of each other

The Bible tells us that Moses veiled his face when he came down from the Mt. because his face shone with the reflected glory of God. But the glory faded - he hated to take off the veil. We veil ourselves from each other and it always keeps us from a growing relationship with Christ + with each other.

In II Cor. 3:16 - Christ removes the veil when we believe in him, we need to keep the veil off as we relate to one another

~~Now~~ We need to remove the veils, the false facades, we put up between each other in order for this ONE-ness, this UNITY to take place - so that the Lord can be building His Living Temple with us as His LIVING STONES

What veils or fronts do we project to others behind which we hide our real selves

1. Double entry Bookkeeping - rather than admit our own faults we invent ways of defining others are we are (a critical spirit)

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| 1. Conceited | 2. have convictions self respect |
| 2. have prejudices | 2. have convictions |
| 3. keep up the Jones | 3. just try to get ahead |
| 4. lose their tempers | 4. have + R indignation |

This is a certain sign of pride when we use to admit our own sins but see others so clearly

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