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# Mark 9:30-37 10:32-45

**Background** - Christ is telling his disciples about his coming death - the supper the crucifixion - the resurrection and how this is

His reason for going to Jerusalem.

ⓐ But they didn't ask him why - they  
ⓑ Didn't even seem to hear what he said  
ⓒ they certainly did not understand.  
ⓓ Their reaction is so selfish - they  
ⓔ immediately began ego-tripping with one another

9:30.39) → in the one case - arguing about which was the greatest

10:32.45) → in the other - James + John (the twins) de-  
manding to have positions of power in the Kingdom  
The contrast here is too great to miss

**I** On the one hand Jesus with His determination to sacrifice Himself for their sakes

**II** On the other hand you have the disciples determination to sacrifice anyone around them for their own sakes

We are looking at 2 different attitudes that are about as far apart as possible

- I** These men coveted a crown of glory + power
- II** They were not ready for a crown of thorns
  - I** They wanted coronation
  - II** not crucifixion



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2 We are looking into the heart of all fallen men + women as we examine these reactions -

Nothing could be more typical of us in this world system than to dominate others - to rule over others for our own self interest. Every body secretly or openly seeks to get control and use people of the establishment for their own benefit - whatever our strong areas are we cultivate them - in sports, beauty, brains we cultivate our strengths in order to dominate and rule other people

- to manipulate their affection, their attention, their loyalty, to bind them to us to meet our needs

Q → What characteristics can we list?

1. Physical beauty - girls - do we work hours at enhancing our beauty so that we can serve others? Isn't it rather so we can capture someone and manipulate him to cater to us (Beauty pageants on TV - 6 yrs. old) money → movie star etc.

② Bill Gothard tells a story of a girl who longed to look like another girl - a beautiful one. He said "Tell me, do you want to look like her so that you can serve <sup>others</sup> or so that you can take"

③ Men - physical prowess is used to bully to dominate. Later in athletics the admiration you guys get - is it used to serve or to build an enormous ego. The answer is obvious  
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We are looking at the form of the  
pattern in the

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② Music - our mind - politics - business  
 how many people can we boss around

④ Religion - influence + power can  
 be used to dominate - like these pharisees  
 did in Jesus' day.

Nothing is more typical of fallen people  
 than to dominate, to manipulate others  
 for our own self-interest

This is the way the world system operates.  
 Jesus said so - "They rule over"

then He added "But it is not so among you"

In God's family there is to be one great  
Body of people - SERVANTS

That's the way to the top in His Kingdom

"Whoever wishes to be great among you  
 shall be your servant"

Then Jesus adds "For even the Son of  
Man did not come to BE served but to serve,  
and to give His life a ransom for many"

So even the Head of the Body Christ our Lord  
 came as One who serves - giving His life up  
 for us.

God is God - He is our Authority - but He is  
One who serves - this is very hard for us to  
understand.

Jesus demonstrated this character of  
God in an acted-out-parable when He  
 washed the disciples feet in Jo. 13



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1. The first step in the process of writing is to choose a topic.  
2. The next step is to choose a thesis statement.  
3. The third step is to gather evidence.  
4. The fourth step is to organize the evidence.  
5. The fifth step is to write the introduction.  
6. The sixth step is to write the body paragraphs.  
7. The seventh step is to write the conclusion.  
8. The eighth step is to proofread and edit.  
9. The ninth step is to submit the paper.

CONCLUSION

