

Childlike Humility

The disciples' bad day (Mk.9)

- Secularists, 14-29
- Slow (sluggish) 30-32
- Selfish, 33-37
- Sectarian, 38-41

Focus: selfish striving
Mk.9:33-37

I. First Object Lesson – Christ

The place . . .

- Capernaum, 33 Son of God,
- House, 33. Jn.14 new home town
- Recall Mk.1:29

The disciple's timing: 30-32

1. Problem: they think His kingdom is earthly and they are officials.
2. As He goes to cross, they compete for first place.
3. He chose three to go to mountain.
 - Three cannot divulge what they saw
 - Nine fail to cast out a demon

The disciple's timing: 30-32

The Lord's question: 33

- He hears everything they say.
- He knows their heart / thoughts
- He confronts them
- He urges repentance. Mt.12:36-37;
Pr.18:21

The disciple's timing: 30-32

The Lord's question: 33

The disciples' silence: 33-34

- Loose tongues, 33
- Clam up, 34. Mt.22:12. Mt.25

The disciple's timing: 30-32

The Lord's question: 33

The disciples' silence: 33-34

The disciples' guilt: 34

- Wanted to be first
- Now hide behind others in guilt

The disciple's timing: 30-32

The Lord's question: 33

The disciples' silence: 33-34

The disciples' guilt: 34

The Lord's correction: 35

- Sat (as Mt.5:1)
- To be first...keep zeal, change goals –

Be last of all.
Jn.13

Be servant of all.
Ph.2

I. First Object Lesson - Christ

II. Second Object Lesson –
Child

Little child in the midst (Mk.9:36)

- Hugged (10:16)
- Stood in midst ([Matthew 18:2](#))
- Unless you 'turn' –change ways... (3)
- Unless you become as little children...

¹No rights

'Nobody above me'

²No demands

No first place for me

³No pride

Rule SELF

⁴No ingratitude

Thankful

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- Stood in midst (Matthew 18:2)
- Unless you 'turn' –change ways... (3)
- Unless you become as little children...
- Humble 'as this child' → greatest in kingdom (4)

Little child in the midst (Mk.9:36)

- Receive one such child in My name... receive **Me** (Mk.9:37)
 - When other disciples become as this child (**Mt.18:4**) . . .
 - To receive them is to receive **Him**
 - Mt.25:40, 45
 - To compete with child is to compete with **Christ**

I. First Object Lesson - Christ

II. Second Object Lesson - Child

III. Third Object Lesson –
Disciples

1. Pride – worst sin of all?

Pride rivals Lord Himself. Lk.18:9-12

- Conceited by self-importance
- Consumed with desire for first place
- Concerned with oneself, not others
- Condescending toward others
- Competitive (I must win)
- Complacent (I have arrived...)

1. Pride – worst sin of all?

2. Envy – pride in relation to others

Pr.27:4

- Covetousness at another's expense;
'Me first.' Mt.27:18
- Resentful.
- Adversarial / critical.
- Unhappy – others have what I want.
Pr.14:30. Ph.1:12-15.

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2. Envy – pride in relation to others
3. Selfish ambition – fruit of pride / envy

Gal.5 reflects lessons of Mk.9

5:7, introspection

5:13, serve others

5:14, love

5:15; do not bite, devour

5:16, lust of flesh

5:20-21, selfish ambition, envy

5:24, crucify flesh...

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Gal.5:26

- Conceited; exaggerated self-conception; falsely proud
 1. Provoking one another: strong challenges competitor
 2. Envying one another: weak feels ill will due to real or presumed advantage experienced by someone else

Love, kindness, concern for others
replaces pride, envy, selfishness

Lk.18:13-14