

Values of the Kingdom

Matthew (18-19) part 9

1. Be Humble

“About that time the disciples came to Jesus and asked, “Who is greatest in the Kingdom of Heaven?” Matthew 18:1

“So anyone who becomes as humble as this little child is the greatest in the Kingdom of Heaven.” Matthew 18:4

“Humble yourselves before the Lord, and he will lift you up in honour.” James 4:10

Jesus Christ: *“Instead, he gave up his divine privileges; he took the humble position of a slave and was born as a human being. When he appeared in human form,⁸ he humbled himself in obedience to God and died a criminal’s death on a cross.” Philippians 2:7-8*

Where can I serve others without receiving recognition? _____

Is there an area that I need to recognise my God given gift and use it to the benefit of others? _____

2. Be Honest

“If another believer sins against you, go privately and point out the offense. If the other person listens and confesses it, you have won that person back.” Matthew 18:15

Jesus Christ: *“I am the way, the truth, and the life.” John 14:6*

Is there a person who I need to have an honest conversation with? _____

3. Be Forgiving

“Then Peter came to him and asked, “Lord, how often should I forgive someone who sins against me? Seven times?”²² “No, not seven times,” Jesus replied, “but seventy times seven!” Matthew 18:21-22

Jesus Christ: *“Father, forgive them, for they don’t know what they are doing.” Luke 23:34*

Is there someone I need to forgive? _____

4. Be Faithful

“Jesus replied, “Moses permitted divorce only as a concession to your hard hearts, but it was not what God had originally intended.” Matthew 19:8

“Just say a simple, ‘Yes, I will,’ or ‘No, I won’t.’ Anything beyond this is from the evil one.” Matthew 5:37

Jesus Christ: *“If we are unfaithful, he remains faithful, for he cannot deny who he is.” 2 Timothy 2:13*

How faithful am I in my relationships and word? (poor) 1 2 3 4 5 (high)

5. Be Intentional

“Jesus told him, “If you want to be perfect, go and sell all your possessions and give the money to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven. Then come, follow me.”²² But when the young man heard this, he went away sad, for he had many possessions.” Matthew 19:21-22

“...let us strip off every weight that slows us down, especially the sin that so easily trips us up. And let us run with endurance the race God has set before us.”² We do this by keeping our eyes on Jesus, the champion who initiates and perfects our faith.” Hebrews 12:1-2

Jesus Christ: *“Because of the joy awaiting him, he endured the cross, disregarding its shame. Now he is seated in the place of honour beside God’s throne.” Hebrews 12:2*

What distractions do I need to eliminate? _____

“And everyone who has given up houses or brothers or sisters or father or mother or children or property, for my sake, will receive a hundred times as much in return and will inherit eternal life.”³⁰ But many who are the greatest now will be least important then, and those who seem least important now will be the greatest then.” Matthew 19:29-30