Attitude of Greatness

Greg Kline · Matthew 18:1–6

INTRODUCTION

- Sometimes our faith is right in front of our face, and we ignore it.
- We're going to talk about an attitude of greatness as prescribed in a very basic way by Jesus Himself.
- It's not a matter of rank or of importance or of any type of stature or personal gain. It's about obeying God.

1 We Must Empty Ourselves

Mark 9:33–35; Philippians 2:5–7

- The first one is that we must empty ourselves.
- If anyone would be first, he must be last of all and servant of all.
- Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, but emptied himself by taking the form of a servant.
- We need to empty ourselves and do what Christ did, which is fill the void with God.
- God never promises a convenient gospel. The gospel isn't one of convenience.
- If we look at exactly what God has told us, and we do just that, we do nothing more.

2 Our Focus Should Be on Others

Matthew 18:5; Matthew 25:31–45

- Jesus teaches our focus should be on others if we truly wish to reach the kingdom of heaven.
- Whoever receives one such child in my name receives me.
- It means we have to welcome and care for and promote others before ourselves.
- Truly I say to you, as you did it to one of the least of these of my brothers, you did it to me.
- You missed the opportunity by not making it.
- It takes active looking out for other people. It takes action to have the greatest attitude.

3 Our Example and Encouragement to the Weak

Matthew 18:6; Hebrews 10:23–25; Philippians 2:15

- But whoever causes one of these little ones who believe in me to sin, it would be better for him to have a great millstone fastened around his neck and to be drowned in the depth of the sea.
- If we're not to drag them down, we're not to do that. That means that we need to go about lifting others up.
- When we have embraced others, we then have the responsibility to encourage the weak.
- Someone has to be the example.
- You can be an encourager or you can be a discourager.
- We need to be looking to the day in which we will be judged.

THE CHALLENGE

Let God pilot your life this morning.

MY NOTES