

LIVING FOR THE FAME OF JESUS NAME (Mk.9:30-41)
November 3, 2024

TEXT—Mk. 9:30-41

Mk.8:34-35; Col.1:15; Col. 3:17

MAIN IDEA—True blessings flow from God when we live for Him and serve others, not ourselves.

MEMORY VERSE—Lk.14:11

THE LORD'S EXAMPLE OF HUMILITY (V30-32)—During His 3 ½ years of public ministry Jesus ministered throughout Galilee, Israel and surrounding areas preaching the good news of repentance from sin, faith in Him for salvation and demonstrating the Kingdom of God with various types of miracles. His fame was well known, yet this time in Galilee Jesus didn't want to be noticed because He was focused on preparing His disciples for His departure.

Is. 53:2 HCSB; Jn. 5:19, 30

Jn.10:14-18; Phil.2:3-11

THE DESTRUCTIVE NATURE OF PRIDE (Mk.9:33-34)—While the Lord is personally modeling humility through His life and serving the disciples, His disciples were having one of many disputes about who's the greatest. So Jesus uses this moment to teach them key lessons about the enemy of humility which is pride.

>Pride destroys unity (V34). There's no way the disciples were united if they were arguing about who's the greatest. Where humility seeks the good of others, pride seeks the exaltation of the exaltation of self at the expense of others.

Phil.1:27

>Pride forfeits honor (V35). Jesus redefines the popular notion of greatness, not as domination over others in a particular field or endeavor, but greatness in God's kingdom is humbly serving others in the name of Jesus (*servant of all*).

James 4:10

>Pride rejects showing God's love (V36-37).

Jesus uses this child (Possibly Peter's) to illustrate true greatness. True greatness cares about people—even those regarded as insignificant like children—because Jesus personally cares about them.

Mt.25:35-36, 40

>Pride creates exclusivity (V38-40). Simply put, those who aren't against Christ and His followers are for Him. John tried to stop an unknown believer who cast a demon out in Jesus' name.

Phil.1:15-18

THE WONDERFUL BLESSING OF HUMILITY (Mk.9:41)—Humility expressed in small acts of kindness or hospitality such as offering a cup of water in Jesus' name has an eternal reward!

Prov.22:4; Heb.6:10