

NORTHERN HILLS COMMUNITY CHURCH

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The Relationship Principles of Jesus

Principle #7: The Greatest are Servants

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*“So Jesus called them to Him and said, ‘As you know, the kings and great men of the earth lord it over the people; but among you it is different. **WHOEVER WANTS TO BE GREAT AMONG YOU MUST BE YOUR SERVANT** and whoever wants to be greatest of all must be the slave of all. For even I, the Messiah, am not here to be served, but to help others, and to give My life as a ransom for many.’”* Mark 10:42-45 (TLB).

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I. HOW HUMILITY HANDLES AMBITION

“Therefore, whoever humbles himself like this child is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven.” Matthew 18:4

II. HOW HUMILITY HANDLES OUR NEED FOR NOTICE

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III. HOW HUMILITY HANDLES OUR TENDENCY TO COMPARE

“But when you are invited, take the lowest place, so that when your host comes, he will say to you, ‘Friend, move up to a better place.’ ... For everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, and he who humbles himself will be exalted.” Luke 14:10-11

IV. HOW HUMILITY HANDLES OUR RELATIONSHIP WITH GOD

The Pharisee stood up and prayed about^a himself: ‘God, I thank you that I am not like other men—robbers, evildoers, adulterers—or even like this tax collector. ¹² I fast twice a week and give a tenth of all I get.’
Luke 18:11-12

Three Signs of “Do it Yourself” Religion...

1. CONFIDENCE in yourself

“... confident of their own righteousness...”

2. CONDEMNING of others

“... looked down on everyone else...”

3. CONTENT with externals

“... I fast... I tithe...”

Humble yourself: Trust God

In order to trust God you must recognize:

1. Who YOU really are

2. Who HE really is

“God opposes the proud, but gives grace to the humble. Humble yourselves, therefore, under God’s mighty hand, that He may lift you up in due time.” 1 Peter 5:5-6

*“Now came an argument among them as to which of them would be greatest (in the coming Kingdom)! But Jesus knew their thoughts, so He stood a little child beside Him and said to them, ‘Anyone who takes care of a little child like this is caring for Me! And whoever cares for Me is caring for God who sent Me. **Your care for others is the measure of your greatness.**’”* Luke 9:46-48 (TLB)