

The Beginning of the Gospel Pt. 12 (Mark 10:35-52)

When You sit on Your glorious throne!

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Position With The Lord Is Not Determined By What We Ask

Mark 10:35-37 Then James and John, the sons of Zebedee, came to speak to Him. "Teacher," they said, "We want You to do us a favor." "What is your request?" He asked. They replied, "When You sit on Your glorious throne, we want to sit in places of honor next to You, one on Your right and the other on Your left."

Greatness With The Lord Is In Being Identified With His Will and Purposes

Mark 10:38 But Jesus said to them, "You don't know what you are asking! Are you able to drink from the bitter cup of suffering I am about to drink? Are you able to be baptized with the baptism of suffering I must be baptized with?"

God Himself Will Determine Who Is Recognized and How

Mark 10:39-40 "Oh yes," they replied, "We are able!" Then Jesus told them, "You will indeed drink from My bitter cup and be baptized with My baptism of suffering. But I have no right to say who will sit on My right or My left. God has prepared those places for the ones He has chosen."

Jealousy of The Efforts of Others Only Reveals That We are All The Same!

Mark 10:41-42 When the ten other disciples heard what James and John had asked, they were indignant. So; Jesus called them together and said, "You know that the rulers in this world lord it over their people and officials flaunt their authority over those under them..."

The Only Leadership Model Worth Following Is The Example of The Lord Jesus Christ

Mark 10:43-45 But among you it will be different. Whoever wants to be a leader among you must be your servant and whoever wants to be first among you must be the slave of everyone else. For even the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve others and to give his life as a ransom for many.

When The Lord Is Near Shout Out Your Prayers and Ignore What Others Say About It!

Mark 10:46-48 Then they reached Jericho and as Jesus and His disciples left town, a large crowd followed Him. A blind beggar named Bartimaeus (son of Timaeus) was sitting beside the road. When Bartimaeus heard that Jesus of Nazareth was nearby, he began to shout, "Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!" "Be quiet!" many of the people yelled at him. But he only shouted louder, "Son of David, have mercy on me!"

The Lord Responds To Persevering Prayer

Mark 10:49-52a When Jesus heard him, He stopped and said, "Tell him to come here." So, they called the blind man. "Cheer up," they said. "Come on, He's calling you!" Bartimaeus threw aside his coat, jumped up and came to Jesus. "What do you want Me to do for you?" Jesus asked. "Rabboni," the blind man said, "I want to see!" Jesus said to him, "Go, for your faith has healed you."

When The Lord Comes Near To You and Answers Your Prayer...FOLLOW HIM!

Mark 10:52b Instantly the man could see and he followed Jesus down the road.