

HARVEST COMMUNITY CHURCH

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Radical Teachings of Jesus #1

“The Path To Greatness”

Matthew 23:12 (NIV) *For whoever exalts himself will be humbled, and whoever humbles himself will be exalted.*

Test of Greatness: _____ myself or _____ myself

Humility deals with:

1. My _____

Matthew 18:1-4 (NIV) *At that time the disciples came to Jesus and asked, “Who is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven?”² He called a little child and had him stand among them.³ And he said: “I tell you the truth, unless you change and become like little children, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven.⁴ Therefore, whoever humbles himself like this child is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven.*

Test of Greatness: Exalt myself – _____

Humble myself – _____

2. My _____

Matthew 23:11-12 (NIV) ¹¹*The greatest among you will be your servant.¹² For whoever exalts himself will be humbled, and whoever humbles himself will be exalted.*

Test of Greatness: Exalt myself – _____

Humble myself – _____

Matthew 23:5-7 (NIV) ⁵*“Everything they do is done for men to see: They make their phylacteries wide and the tassels on their garments long;⁶ they love the place of honor at banquets and the most important seats in the synagogues;⁷ they love to be greeted in the marketplaces and to have men call them ‘Rabbi.’*

Ways we seek attention:

3. My _____

Luke 14:10-11 (NIV) ¹⁰*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.’ Then you will be honored in the presence of all your fellow guests.¹¹ For everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, and he who humbles himself will be exalted.*

Test of Greatness: Exalt myself – _____

Humble myself – _____

1 Peter 5:5-6 (NIV) *All of you, clothe yourselves with humility toward one another, because, “God opposes the proud but gives grace to the humble.”⁶ Humble yourselves, therefore, under God’s mighty hand, that he may lift you up in due time.*

Philippians 2:3-4 (NCV) *When you do things, do not let selfishness or pride be your guide. Instead, be humble and give more honor to others than to yourselves.⁴ Do not be interested only in your own life, but be interested in the lives of others.*

How do I become humble?

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October Memory Verse – Matthew 16:24-25 (NIV) ²⁴*Jesus said, “If anyone would come after me, he must deny himself and take up his cross and follow me.²⁵ For whoever wants to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for me will find it.”*