

Keys to Your Promotion in Life

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(Matthew 20:25) But Jesus called them to Himself and said, "You know that the rulers of the Gentiles lord it over them, and those who are great exercise authority over them.

The world sees power as a way to gain control of others.

The way to the top in the kingdom of God is by serving.

(Matthew 20:26) Yet it shall not be so among you; but whoever desires to become great among you, let him be your servant.

God is not against ruler-ship. God is not against you having a desire to be first. In fact God wants you to be the head and not the tail.

Being a servant does not mean becoming servile. Servile is being gullible, naive, easily bullied by people. Jesus is not trying to say that.

(Psalms 71:21) You shall increase my greatness, And comfort me on every side.

(Psalms 18:35) You have also given me the shield of Your salvation; Your right hand has held me up, Your gentleness has made me great.

Nothing wrong to be first ...

(Matthew 20:27) And whoever desires to be first among you, let him be your slave

"Servant" in Gr. *Diakonos* – A servant can still quit if he wants too. He still has his rights.

"Slave" in Gr. *Doulos* – A slave belongs fully to his master. He can only do and go what his master wants him to do.

A slave does not choose his tasks.

(Matthew 20:28) just as the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give His life a ransom for many."

The Christian who desires to be first in the kingdom of God is willing to do the hard thing, demanding things, even when he or she is not publicly appreciated.

Jesus gave us the three keys to promotion:

1. How you handle the little things.

(Luke 16:10) He who is faithful in what is least is faithful also in much; and he who is unjust in what is least is unjust also in much.

Are you a person given to details?

Details determine your destiny.

What is Excellence?

Excellence is the attention given to details that leads to superior performance.

And when you have excellence, it guarantees promotion.

Attention to details is a reflection to how your attitude is in life.

2. How you handle your money.

(Luke 16:11) Therefore if you have not been faithful in the unrighteous mammon, who will commit to your trust the true riches?

If you handle money correctly, God will give you the true riches.

3. How you handle what belongs to another person.

(Luke 16:12) And if you have not been faithful in what is another man's, who will give you what is your own?

If you are unfaithful to other people's vision, God will not give you your vision.

God uses man not methods.

(John 1:6) There was a man sent from God, whose name was John.

Decide to become someone that God can use and influence the city!

Decide to become someone who is ready to be a servant to others.

(Ephesians 3:18) may be able to comprehend with all the saints what is the width and length and depth and height

You cannot want to love someone without serving the person.

Servant-hood travels in four directions – width; length; depth & height.

1. DEPTH: We are to serve God.

(Colossians 1:16) For by Him all things were created that are in heaven and that are on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or principalities or powers. All things were created through Him and for Him.

(Psalms 84:10) For a day in Your courts is better than a thousand. I would rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God Than dwell in the tents of wickedness.

Better you be even a usher than be not serving at all in church.

2. **HEIGHT: We are to serve leaders.**

Do not just stand behind your leaders, walk beside your leaders. Support your leaders. Lighten the load for your leaders.

Serve your leader by being as passionate as you can just like for God.

Learn to flow with the leaders that God has put over you.

Authority flows from the top down.

We all live on borrowed authority.

You receive authority to the degree you submit yourself to your seniors.

The kingdom of God is a kingdom of relationships.

3. **WIDTH: We are to serve one another.**

(Matthew 20:28) just as the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give His life a ransom for many."

Jesus came also to serve and not to be just served.

If Jesus can serve us despite of all our unfaithfulness, why can you not serve others? Are you greater than God?

"You can tell whether you are becoming a servant by how you act when people treat you like one." - Gordon MacDonald

4. **LENGTH: We are to serve the world.**

Serving the world can be hard because of all the sinners in the world. Yet you still need to serve.

You win people by your actions.

"Preach the gospel constantly and, if necessary, use words!" - St. Francis

How to preach the gospel without using words?

By your actions and the language of your life.

If you serve the above 4, it is guaranteed you get your promotion in life!

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