

## "The Gauge of Greatness"

PART 72 • Luke 9:46-50

INTRODUCTION

• the curse of pride...the blessing of humility

Prov. 16:18; 16:5; 8:13; 1 Jn. 2:15-16

"Pride is the oldest and commonest of sins. Humility is the rarest and most beautiful of graces. For humility let us labor. For humility let us pray....Humility is the very first letter in the alphabet of Christianity." -J.C. Ryle

• skewed understanding of Jesus' role ...skewed understanding of disciples' role

- 1. The primacy of humility to enter the kingdom (9:46-48)
  - pushing around to get in the pecking order

- bringing a child into the story
  - #1 there is "greatness" in God's kingdom
  - #2 there is not a "greatest" in the kingdom...except for God

Mt. 18:3

Phil. 3:4-8

• receiving others into the kingdom

2. The primacy of humility to serve in the kingdom (9:49-50)

- the attitude of the disciples
- the answer by the Master

Lk. 11:23

Phil. 1:15-18

## Conclusion

• the destructive nature of pride

1 Cor. 3:3-4; Jms 4:1-10

• God's antidote to pride

2 Cor. 12:7-9; 1 Pet. 5:10

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