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AMBITION FOR POSITION BEING

CONTRARY TO THE KINGDOM LIFE

In Matthew 20 – 23, several passages talk about the fallen nature of the ambition for position.

The economy in the kingdom of the heavens is absolutely different from all the governments of the world. It even differs from our own mental economy.

In the economy of the kingdom, to gain is to lose, and to lose is to gain; to be great is to be small; to be exalted means to be abased, and to be abased means to be exalted.

Do not be ambitious for a position, but be zealous for Christ.

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Scripture Readings:

Matt. 20:20 Then the mother of the sons of Zebedee came to Him with her sons, worshipping and asking something of Him.

Matt. 20:21 And He said to her, What do you want? She said to Him, Say that these two sons of mine will sit, one on Your right and one on Your left, in Your kingdom.

Matt. 20:22 But Jesus answered and said to them, You do not know what you are asking. **Are you able to drink the cup which I am about to drink?** They said to Him, We are able.

Matt. 20:23 He said to them, **My cup you shall indeed drink**, but to sit on My right and on My left, **this is not Mine to give, but it is for those for whom it has been prepared by My Father.**

Matt. 20:24 And when the ten heard this, they were indignant concerning the two brothers.

Matt. 20:25 But Jesus called them to Him and said, You know that the rulers of the Gentiles lord it over them, and the great exercise authority over them.

Matt. 20:26 It shall not be so among you; **but whoever wants to become great among you shall be your servant,**

Matt. 20:27 **And whoever wants to be first among you shall be your slave;**

Matt. 20:28 **Just as the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve and to give His life as a ransom for many.**

Matt. 23:8 **But you, do not be called Rabbi, for One is your Teacher, and you are all brothers.**

Matt. 23:9 **And do not call anyone on earth your father, for One is your Father, He who is in the heavens.**

Matt. 23:10 **Neither be called instructors, because One is your Instructor, the Christ.**

Matt. 23:11 **And the greatest among you shall be your servant.**

Matt. 23:12 **And he who will exalt himself shall be humbled, and he who will humble himself shall be exalted.**

Matt. 21:4 Now this took place in order that what was spoken through the prophet might be fulfilled, saying,

Matt. 21:5 “Say to the daughter of Zion, Behold, your King is coming to you, meek and mounted on a donkey, and on a colt, a foal of a beast of burden.”

Matt. 21:6 And the disciples went and did as Jesus directed them,

Matt. 21:7 And led the donkey and the colt. And they put their garments on them, and He sat upon them.

Matt. 21:8 And most of the crowd spread their own garments in the road, and others cut branches from the trees and spread them in the road.

Matt. 21:9 And the crowds who went before Him and those who followed cried out, saying, Hosanna to the Son of David! Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest!

Matt. 21:15 But when the chief priests and the scribes saw the wonders that He did and the children who were crying out in the temple and saying, Hosanna to the Son of David, they were indignant.

Matt. 21:16 And they said to Him, Do You hear what these are saying? And Jesus said to them, Yes. Have you never read, “Out of the mouth of infants and sucklings You have perfected praise”?

Matt. 21:23 And when He came into the temple, the chief priests and elders of the people came to Him as He was teaching and said, By what authority do You do these things? And who gave You this authority?

Matt. 21:24 And Jesus answered and said to them, I also will ask you one thing, which if you tell Me, I also will tell you by what authority I do these things.

Matt. 21:25 The baptism of John, from where did it come, from heaven or from men? And they reasoned among themselves, saying, If we say, From heaven, He will say to us, Why then did you not believe him?

Matt. 21:26 But if we say, From men, we fear the crowd, for all hold John as a prophet.

Matt. 21:27 And they answered Jesus and said, We do not know. He too said to them, Neither do I tell you by what authority I do these things.

Matt. 21:28 But what do you think? A man had two children. And he came to his first son and said, Child, go today and work in the vineyard.

Matt. 21:29 And he answered and said, I do not want to; yet later he regretted and went.

Matt. 21:30 And he came to the other and said likewise. And he answered and said, I will, sir; yet he did not go.

Matt. 21:31 Which of the two did the will of the father? They said, The first. Jesus said to them, Truly I say to you that the tax collectors and the harlots are going into the kingdom of God before you.

Matt. 21:32 For John came to you in the way of righteousness, and you did not believe him, but the tax collectors and the harlots believed him. And you, when you saw it, did not later regret it to believe him.