

Becoming a great in the kingdom – part 1

Matthew 18:1-14

“Don’t copy the behaviour and customs of this world, but let God transform you into a new person by changing the way you think. Then you will learn to know God’s will for you, which is good and pleasing and perfect.” Romans 12:2

About that time the disciples came to Jesus and asked, “Who is greatest in the Kingdom of Heaven?” Matthew 18:1

Greatness in the Kingdom comes...

1. When I change my attitude to Self - Humility

“I tell you the truth, unless you turn from your sins and become like little children, you will never get into the Kingdom of Heaven. ⁴So anyone who becomes as humble as this little child is the greatest in the Kingdom of Heaven.” Matt 18:3-4

‘Then they began to argue among themselves about who would be the greatest among them. ²⁵Jesus told them, “In this world the kings and great men lord it over their people, yet they are called ‘friends of the people.’ ²⁶But among you it will be different. Those who are the greatest among you should take the lowest rank, and the leader should be like a servant.’ Luke 22:24-26

2. When I change my attitude to society – Embrace the rejected

“And anyone who welcomes a little child like this on my behalf is welcoming me.” Matt 18:5

3. When I change my attitude to sin – Be aware of impact on others

“What sorrow awaits the world, because it tempts people to sin. Temptations are inevitable, but what sorrow awaits the person who does the tempting.” Matt 18:7

4. When I change my attitude to service - Sacrificial

“If a man has a hundred sheep and one of them wanders away, what will he do? Won’t he leave the ninety-nine others on the hills and go out to search for the one that is lost?” Matt 18:12

“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.” Matt 20:28