

RADICAL DISCIPLESHIP (LESSON 25)

THE SERVANT PRINCIPLE (CONTINUED). A servant will seek God's glory, not his own. A servant has the mind of Christ. "Let this mind be in you which was also in Christ Jesus: Who, being in the form of God, thought it not robbery to be equal with God: But made himself of no reputation, and took upon him the form of a servant, and was made in the likeness of men: And being found in fashion as a man, he humbled himself and become obedient unto death, even the death of the cross. Where God hath highly exalted him, and given him a name which is above every name: That at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of things in heaven, and things in earth, and things under the earth; and that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father" (Philippians 2:5-11 KJV). This passage encompasses the first three discipleship principles: the Kingdom Principle, the Death Principle, and the Servant Principle. Jesus emptied Himself of glory for the kingdom, to become a servant unto death. As a servant He died to save men and women. Thus, Jesus set forth by example, the attitude He wants to produce in his disciples. "Let this mind be in you which was also in Christ Jesus." Jesus is the template for radical discipleship. We seek the kingdom of God by dying to ourselves, and becoming Christ's servants. As radical disciples we do not seek success for ourselves but seek to empty ourselves for the glory of God the Father.