

The Way Up Is Down

In God's Kingdom everything works on principles opposite to those of the world around us.

- To be a blessing, be a blessing to others
- To receive love, give love
- To be honored, first be humble
- To truly live, die to yourself
- To gain the unseen, let go of the seen
- To receive, first give
- To save your life, lose it
- To lead, be a servant
- To be first, be last

See Proverbs 18:12; Matthew 5:3-10; 6:19-21; 19:27-30; 20:26-27; Mark 10:42-45; Luke 6:38; 9:23-24; John 12:25

In Philippians 2:5-11 Paul explains the way up is down. Down is up, up is down. The way up is to get lower.

1. What amazes and astonishes me most about Jesus' humility?
2. What portions of his life really stand out to me?
3. In what specific ways do I humble myself before others?
4. How can I follow Christ's example and live as a bond-servant?
5. Who are the most difficult people in my life to serve?
6. How can I show these people God's sacrificial love?