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The Bride of Christ
THE VALUE OF CHURCH MEMBERSHIP AS GOD'S GIFT
Matthew 20:17-28

Wrong response. Matt. 20:20-26

- It's about my preferences and **desires**. Matt. 20:20-21; Mark 9:33-35; Luke 22:24
- I am **entitled** to this. Matt. 20:21, 19:27; Mark 9:33-35; Luke 22:24
- I want others to serve **me**, but please don't ask me to serve. Matt. 20:20-26; Phil. 2:5-11; Mark 9:35

Christ's example. Matt. 20:17-28

- He said yes to God in **obedience**. Matt. 20:18-29, 26:47-49, 27:20-43; Phil. 2:5-11
- He said yes to **drinking** the cup. Matt. 20:22-28; John 4:34, 5:30, 6:38; 2 Cor. 5:21; Heb. 4:15, 7:26; 1 Pet. 2:22

Right response. Matt. 20:25-28

- I have appreciation and **gratitude**. 1 Tim. 1:12-16; 2 Cor. 9:15
- I am **willing** to be last, not first. Matt. 20:27-28; Luke 14:7-11; Mark 9:33-35; Matt. 6:33; Col. 1:18
- I am willing to **serve**, not be served. Matt. 20:28; 1 Cor. 12:1-7; Phil. 2:1-11; Rom. 12:10-21; 2 Cor. 8:1-5