

**Series "Knowing The Exact Truth"
"True Greatness"
Luke 9:43-50
Study-40**

Luke 9:46 as to which of them might be the greatest.

Humility - It is a compound word, "*to think or judge with "lowliness, humbleness of mind, a deep sense of one's moral littleness, modesty"*

Pride opposes humility as it competes with God. Satan was first to fall through the sin of pride. James 4:6

Luke 9:1-50 Conclusion Of Jesus' Galilean Ministry

**Jesus Predicts His Passion: Matthew 17:22-23; Mark 9:30-31;
Luke 9:43-44**

**Disciples Pride: Matthew 18:1-5; Mark 9:33-37; Luke 9:46-48
Disciples Intolerance: Mark 9:38-40; Luke 9:49-50**

Thought Of Our Passage: "Pride Is Competing With God, But Humility Is Submitting To God"

1. Verses 43-45 Humility

2. Verses 46-48 Pride

3. Verses 49-50 Intolerance

1. Verses 43-45 Humility

Luke 9:43 And they were all amazed at the greatness of God.

Context – The disciples lacked the power to deliver a boy from being demonized, severe case. "*the crowd was astonished at the majestic power of God*" same word as **2 Peter 1:16 Transfiguration**

But while everyone was marveling at all that He was doing,

The crowds were "astonished, **He said to His disciples**, these following words were addressed to the disciples. (The crowd is amazed but they don't have faith in Jesus)

Luke 9:44 "Let these words sink into your ears; "Put this once for all into your ears" Call to pay attention! Disciples were privileged

for the Son of Man is going to be delivered (*betrayed, handed over*) into the hands of men." This is the second prediction of Jesus of His Passion. **Luke 9:22**

Luke 9:45 But they did not understand this statement, and it was concealed from them so that they would not perceive it; (Romans 11:25 God worked through their unbelief) (Could the reason they could not understand be their pride? Verses 46-48) No excuse for being dull wittedness, Christians need to apply themselves to asking, and listening, and thinking!

After His resurrection the disciples would remember the words
Luke 24:6-8

and they were afraid to ask Him about this statement. "Ignorance Is Bliss" Matthew 17:23 And they were deeply grieved.

Disciples were not only wrong regarding their messianic hope being astray, but their concept of life (Pride)

2. Verses 46-48 Pride

Luke 9:46 Context - Mark 9:33-34 on the road to Capernaum the disciples were arguing, when they arrived Jesus asked what they were discussing?

as to which of them might be the greatest. (The Timing Of This, Context Is Awful – The Son of God In Humility Is Going To Suffer and die on The Cross) They start talking about their pride of place! **Fighting over position.**

What brought the disciples to such a point?

They were full of self – Galatians 6:3

Luke 9:47 But Jesus, knowing what they were thinking in their heart, Who can read the heart of man? Only God can see and read the heart!

took a child Why did Jesus use a child to teach true greatness? Children are helpless and unimportant!

The Jewish Talmud said spending time with Children was a waste of time.
(Jesus uses helpless, despised persons to teach greatness!)

Matthew 23:12

Mark 9:36 And taking a child, He set him before them, and taking him in His arms, He said to them, The term "Child" is the same as "Servant" in *Aramaic*. Jesus is trying to teach the disciples that *as servants they need to have the heart of a child.*

What are some lessons we learn from children?

- 1. Children are good receivers -**
- 2. Children reach out in trust to anyone -**
- 3. Dependence -**
- 4. Acceptance of authority -**
- 5. Short memory's -**
- 6. Humility -**
- 7. Wonder -**

Luke 9:48 Passage Teaches Three Truths:

1. How We Relate To A Child (Lowly) Indicates Whether We Are Related To Jesus And The Father: "Whoever receives this child in My name receives Me, Matthew 18:6; Mark 13:13-14

Jesus is saying that how disciples relate to a child and anyone of lowly status would indicate whether they had a relationship with Him.

That in our service we are to have an open-arms policy.

2. True Greatness Welcomes The Lowly, Demonstrating We Have Received Him. All Who Welcome Jesus Welcome The Father: and whoever receives Me receives Him who sent Me;

3. True Greatness Is A Gift Of God To Those Who Receive And Serve The Lowly: for the one who is least among all of you, this is the one who is great."

That the one that is willing to identify with the lowly, to receive them, to minister to them in Christ's kindness.

Philippians 2:3-5

John 13 Washed the disciple's feet as a voluntary servant to meet human needs.

3. Verses 49-50 Intolerance

Luke 9:49 "Master, we saw someone casting out demons in Your name;

Greatness is being tolerant of and concerned for others. Tolerance for those who minister differently.

Philippians 1:18

and we tried to prevent him because he does not follow along with us.” We still have the sin of pride. Privileged disciples with a close relationship with Jesus.

"Ministerial Intolerance and pride of being a privileged Disciple, this man was not! (Exorcism is my ministry!)

It is a dangerous thing to presume that God uses no other work but ours. (Our ministry is most important!)

Apparently, the disciples had been unsuccessful in stopping this man's ministry for the implication of the disciples' is that they **"tried"** to stop this man.

Numbers 11:27-29 Joshua

John 3:26-30 John's disciples came and told John all were going to Jesus!

Luke 9:50; Matthew 12:30

What Jesus said, "It doesn't matter to me if he is a part of our group or not. All that matters is he is following Me and doing what I want him to do."

Application:

1. The Danger Of Seeing Myself As Special And To Be Lifted Up In Pride Instead Of Humbled By His Grace: (The Reality Is That We Are Blessed Because God Choose Us Out Of A Lost World)
2. Be Willing To Lay Aside Personal Hopes For Success And Surrender To God's Plans Is The Way Of Jubilant Worship, Obedient Service And Utter Freedom
3. Be Flexible In Allowing God To be God By Using Different People In Different Ways: "It is better to be a nobody who accomplishes something than a somebody who accomplishes nothing"