

Relationships 3.0

Love is not Self-Seeking

I Corinthians 13:4 Love is not self-seeking

Mark 10:35-45 Then James and John, the sons of Zebedee, came to him. "Teacher," they said, "we want you to do for us whatever we ask." **36** "What do you want me to do for you?" he asked. **37** They replied, "Let one of us sit at your right and the other at your left in your glory." **38** "You don't know what you are asking," Jesus said. "Can you drink the cup I drink or be baptized with the baptism I am baptized with?" **39** "We can," they answered. Jesus said to them, "You will drink the cup I drink and be baptized with the baptism I am baptized with, **40** but to sit at my right or left is not for me to grant. These places belong to those for whom they have been prepared." **41** When the ten heard about this, they became indignant with James and John. **42** Jesus called them together and said, "You know that those who are regarded as rulers of the Gentiles lord it over them, and their high officials exercise authority over them. **43** Not so with you. Instead, whoever wants to become great among you must be your servant, **44** and whoever wants to be first must be slave of all. **45** For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many."

Want rewarding relationships ?

Become great.

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Philippians 2:3 Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit, but in humility consider others better than yourselves.

Becoming great is not about being better than others but about making others better.

James 4:10 Humble yourselves before the Lord, and he will lift you up.

Serve first.

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Philippians 2:4 Each of you should look not only to your own interests, but also to the interests of others.

Serving first is not about getting something for myself but about leaving a lasting impression.

Give most.

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Give what you cannot keep to gain what you cannot lose.

Ephesians 5:25-27 Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her **26** to make her holy, cleansing her by the washing with water through the word, **27** and to present her to himself as a radiant church, without stain or wrinkle or any other blemish, but holy and blameless.