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Mark 9:33-38

³³ And they came to Capernaum. And when He was in the house He asked them, “What were you discussing on the way?”

³⁴ But they kept silent, for on the way they had argued with one another about who was the greatest.

³⁵ And He sat down and called the twelve. And He said to them, “If anyone would be first, he must be last of all and servant of all.”

³⁶ And He took a child and put Him in the midst of them, and taking him in His arms, He said to them,

³⁷ “Whoever receives one such child in my name receives me, and whoever receives me, receives not me but Him who sent me.”

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Luke 9:46-48

⁴⁶ An argument arose among them as to which of them was the greatest.

⁴⁷ But Jesus, knowing the reasoning of their hearts, took a child and put him by His
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Greek: strephó

Definition: to turn, to change

Usage: I turn, I am converted, change my direction.

...to *turn* (transition); to *convert* by *changing* (switching) *direction*, to go the other way, to do an "about-face"; taking an opposite or divergent course.

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Greek: tapeinoó

Definition: to make low, to be humble

Usage: I make or bring low, humble; I am humbled.

– make (become) *low*, to humble yourself... *for the believer*, to “show humility, true lowliness”, to understand and embrace our dependence on the Lord – dismissing reliance upon *self* (*self-government*) and *emptying carnal ego*.

This *exalts the Lord* as our all-in-all and prompts the gift of His fullness in us.

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Mark 7:20-23

What comes out of a person is what defiles him. For from within, out of the heart of man, come evil thoughts, sexual immorality, theft, murder, adultery, coveting, wickedness, deceit, sensuality, envy, slander, **pride**, foolishness. All these things come from within, and they defile a person

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I John 2:15-17

Do not love the world or the things in the world. If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him. For all that is in the world—the desires of the flesh and the desires of the eyes and **pride of life**—is not from the Father but is from the world. And the world is passing away along with its desires, but whoever does the will of God abides forever.

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To turn and humble ourselves before the mighty and gracious hand of God.

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- 2 complete my joy be being of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of
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yourselves.
- 4 Let each of you look not only to his own interests, but also to the interests of others.
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grasped,
- 7 but emptied Himself, by taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men.
- 8 And being found in human form, He humbled Himself by being obedient to the point of death,
even death on a cross.
- 9 Therefore God has highly exalted Him and bestowed on Him the name that is above every name,
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