

Introduction

- I. The characteristic of true discipleship we focus on in this sermon is humility.
- II. We need regular instruction and preaching on this humility because it is such a struggle for us.

Disciples of Christ: (5) Living in Humility

I. Putting off Pride

A. What is pride?

1. Pride is a hunger for honor and thirst for glory.
2. Pride is a great danger for those in positions of authority.

B. Jesus calls us to put off this sinful, ugly pride.

1. This is not the way of greatness in Christ's kingdom.
2. Why?

II. Putting on Humility

A. Jesus is calling His disciples to be humble.

1. Humility is the attitude of recognizing our insignificance and unworthiness before God.
2. This humility is God's gift to His people.

B. Let us consider a portrait of the truly humble person.

1. A humble person is not greedy of honor that other people have but rejoices in the gifts God has given to myself and to others.
2. A humble person does not try to call attention to self, but wants God to be glorified.
3. A humble person is not mean toward others, but is kind and loving.
4. A humble person is willing to receive biblical instruction, rebukes, and criticism. Prov. 9:7-9

III. Finding Greatness

A. We find greatness when we aren't thinking about greatness, but instead we think about humble service of others.

B. We need to grow in this aspect of discipleship and the way to do this is to keep our eyes fixed on Jesus Christ and His life of service.