

Theme: THE REQUEST OF THE TWO APOSTLES

Memory Verse: *John 13:14-15* "If I then, your Lord and Master, have washed your feet; ye also ought to wash one another's feet. [15] For I have given you an example that ye should do as I have done to you".

Texts: Mathew 20:20-28; John 13: 3-15

The request of the two apostles generated a bit of jealousy among the rest. They were moved with indignation against the two brothers and this occasioned an important teaching from the lips of the Saviour. In His explanation, Jesus drew the line between leadership in the world and leadership in the Church. Leadership in the world exercise authority and lord over their followers and subordinates.

In the Church, according to Christ, the idea of leadership is different. To lead is to humbly serve others in love, in line with Christ's own example. He gave His life as a ransom for many. Jesus pointed out that humility is a supreme attribute of a Christian leader. He was to buttress this point later when He washed His disciple's feet. "If I then, your Lord and Master, have washed your feet; ye also ought to wash one another's feet. For I have given you an example that ye should do as I have done to you."

It is this lowliness of heart that will eradicate selfishness and the inordinate ambition to want to lord it over others. Christ never lorded it over the disciples. Christian leaders should not see the members of the Church as their servants but as God's heritage. "The elders which are among you I exhort, who am also an elder, and a witness of the sufferings of Christ, and also a partaker of the glory that shall be revealed: Feed the flock of God which is among you, taking the oversight thereof, not by constraint, but willingly; not for filthy lucre, but of a ready mind; Neither as being lords over God's heritage, but being ensamples to the flock. And when the chief Shepherd shall appear, ye shall receive a crown of glory that faded not away" (1 Peter 5: 1-4). Leaders should be patient, loving, self-effecting, and considerate and manifest the fruit of the Spirit.

DAILY BIBLE READING			
MORNING		EVENING	
MON.	Ex. 15		Lk. 21
TUS.	Ex. 16		Lk.22
WED.	Ex. 17		Lk. 23
THUR.	Ex. 18		Lk. 24
FRI.	Ex. 19		Jno. 1
SAT.	Ex. 20		Jno. 2
SUN.	Ex. 21		Jno.. 3