

The Perfect Blend

Part 3 – How Jesus Invested in Other People



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1. He took them _____ they couldn't _____ on their own

Matthew 17:1-9 NLT - *Jesus took Peter and the two brothers, James and John, and led them up a high mountain.*

Elevator principle – John Maxwell

- People who _____ something to life
- People who _____ something from life
- People who _____ something in life
- People who _____ something in life

As the men watched, Jesus' appearance changed so that his face shone like the sun, and his clothing became dazzling white. Suddenly, Moses and Elijah appeared and began talking with Jesus. Peter blurted out, "Lord, this is wonderful! If you want me to, I'll make three shrines, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah." But even as he said it, a bright cloud came over them, and a voice from the cloud said, "This is my beloved Son, and I am fully pleased with him. Listen to him." The disciples were terrified and fell face down on the ground. Jesus came over and touched them. "Get up," he said, "don't be afraid." And when they looked, they saw only Jesus with them.

2. He showed them _____ they couldn't _____ on their own

Matthew 16:13-18 NIV - *Jesus asked his disciples, "Who do people say the Son of Man is?" They replied, "Some say John the Baptist; others say Elijah; and still others, Jeremiah or one of the prophets." "But what about you?" he asked. "Who do you say I am?" Simon Peter answered, "You are the Christ, the Son of the living God." Jesus replied, "Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah, for this was not revealed to you by man, but by my Father in heaven. And I tell you that you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not overcome it.*

"Treat a man as he appears to be and you make him worse. But treat a man as if he already were what he potentially could be, and you make him what he should be." - Johann Wolfgang von Goethe

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3. He gave them _____ they couldn't _____ on their own

Luke 18:22 NIV - *When Jesus heard this, he said to him, "You still lack one thing. Sell everything you have and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven. Then come, follow me."*

Luke 18:23 NIV - *When he heard this, he became very sad, because he was a man of great wealth.*

Why is generosity important?

- It makes us like _____
John 3:16 NIV - *For God so loved the world that he gave ...*
- It breaks grip of _____
Proverbs 27:20 NIV - *Human desires are like the world of the dead - there is always room for more.*
- It blesses your own _____
Luke 18:28-30 NLT - *Peter said, "We have left our homes and followed you." "Yes," Jesus replied, "and I assure you, everyone who has given up house or wife or brothers or parents or children, for the sake of the Kingdom of God, will be repaid many times over in this life, as well as receiving eternal life in the world to come."*

Proverbs 11:25 NIV - *A generous man will prosper; he who refreshes others will himself be refreshed.*

Ecclesiastes 5:19 GN - *If God gives a man wealth and property... he should be grateful and enjoy what he has worked for. It is a gift from God.*

Matthew 6:31-33 TLB - *So don't worry at all about having enough... your heavenly Father already knows perfectly well that you need them, and he will give them to you if you give him first place in your life and live as he wants you to.*