



# KNOWING YOUR PLACE

“BEHOLD THE MAIDSERVANT OF THE LORD!  
LET IT BE TO ME ACCORDING TO YOUR  
WORD.” – LUKE 1:38

## OUTLINE

Importance of knowing  
my place

Why do we go beyond  
our place?

Qualities found in those  
who know their place



# IMPORTANCE OF KNOWING MY PLACE

## (1) GIVES PURPOSE

- “AS EACH ONE HAS RECEIVED A GIFT, MINISTER IT TO ONE ANOTHER, AS GOOD STEWARDS OF THE MANIFOLD GRACE OF GOD.”  
(1 PET 4:10)





## (2) GIVES ME A POINT OF REFERENCE

- EASILY IDENTIFY MY RESPONSIBILITY
- HELPS ASSESS OUR PROGRESS AND GROWTH

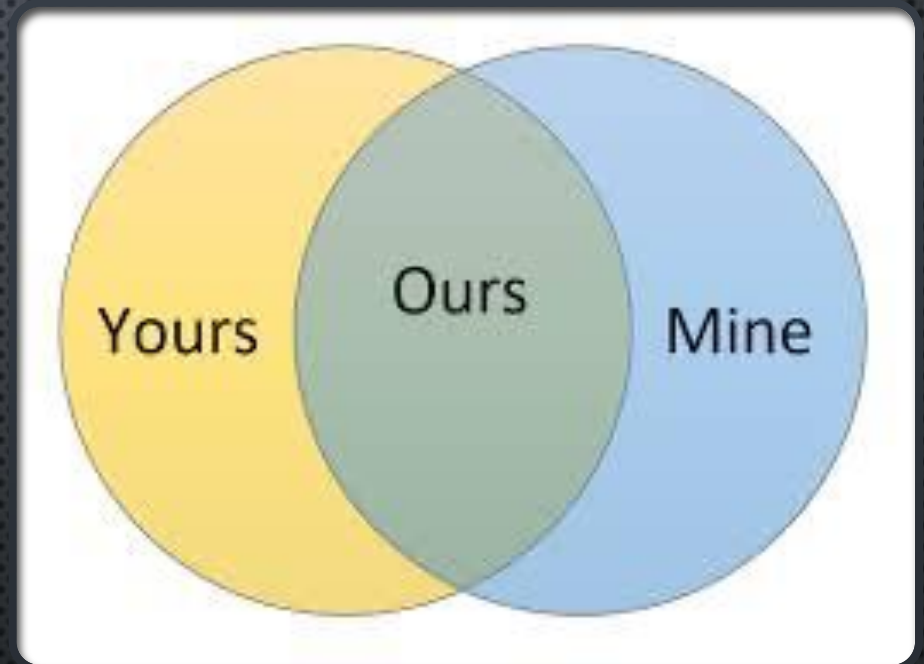


**(3) TEACHES ME TO APPRECIATE OTHERS**

YOU ARE NOT ALONE

## **(4) EASES THE ANXIETIES OF LIFE**

“IF IT IS POSSIBLE, AS MUCH AS  
DEPENDS ON YOU, LIVE PEACEABLY  
WITH ALL MEN.” (ROM. 12:18)



## (5) HELPS MAINTAIN STABILITY

IF THE FOOT SHOULD SAY, "BECAUSE I AM NOT A HAND, I AM NOT OF THE BODY," IS IT THEREFORE NOT OF THE BODY? AND IF THE EAR SHOULD SAY, "BECAUSE I AM NOT AN EYE, I AM NOT OF THE BODY," IS IT THEREFORE NOT OF THE BODY? IF THE WHOLE BODY WERE AN EYE, WHERE WOULD BE THE HEARING? IF THE WHOLE WERE HEARING, WHERE WOULD BE THE SMELLING? BUT NOW GOD HAS SET THE MEMBERS, EACH ONE OF THEM, IN THE BODY JUST AS HE PLEASED. AND IF THEY WERE ALL ONE MEMBER, WHERE WOULD THE BODY BE? (1 COR. 12:15-19)





WHY DO WE GO  
BEYOND OUR  
PLACE?

## (1) AMBITION

- DEF. = AN EARNEST DESIRE FOR SOME TYPE OF ACHIEVEMENT OR DISTINCTION, AS POWER, HONOR, FAME, OR WEALTH, AND THE WILLINGNESS TO STRIVE FOR ITS ATTAINMENT.
- “LET NOTHING BE DONE THROUGH SELFISH AMBITION OR CONCEIT, BUT IN LOWLINESS OF MIND LET EACH ESTEEM OTHERS BETTER THAN HIMSELF.” (PHIL. 2:3)





## (2) PREEMINENCE

- IN RESPONSE THE LORD CHRIST SAID, "YOU DO NOT KNOW WHAT YOU ASK. ARE YOU ABLE TO DRINK THE CUP THAT I DRINK, AND BE BAPTIZED WITH THE BAPTISM THAT I AM BAPTIZED WITH?" (MARK 10:38)
- "A DISCIPLE IS NOT ABOVE HIS TEACHER, NOR A SERVANT ABOVE HIS MASTER. IT IS ENOUGH FOR A DISCIPLE THAT HE BE LIKE HIS TEACHER, AND A SERVANT LIKE HIS MASTER." (MATT 10:24-25)

### (3) LOVE OF PRAISE AND POWER

- “SO ON A SET DAY HEROD, ARRAYED IN ROYAL APPAREL, SAT ON HIS THRONE AND GAVE AN ORATION TO THEM. AND THE PEOPLE KEPT SHOUTING, ‘THE VOICE OF A GOD AND NOT OF A MAN!’”  
(ACTS 12:22-23)



## (4) TROUBLED BY SUCCESS

- TAKING WHAT IS GOD'S AND SCRIBING IT TO ONESELF
- EX: KING NEBUCHADNEZZAR
- "...IT IS YOU, O KING, WHO HAVE GROWN AND BECOME STRONG; FOR YOUR GREATNESS HAS GROWN AND REACHES TO THE HEAVENS, AND YOUR DOMINION TO THE END OF THE EARTH."  
(DA 4:22)
- "IS NOT THIS GREAT BABYLON, THAT I HAVE BUILT FOR A ROYAL DWELLING BY MY MIGHTY POWER AND FOR THE HONOR OF MY MAJESTY?" (DAN 4:30)



QUALITIES FOUND  
IN THOSE WHO  
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PLACE



## (1) HUMILITY

- AND THEY CAME TO JOHN AND SAID TO HIM, “RABBI, HE WHO WAS WITH YOU BEYOND THE JORDAN, TO WHOM YOU HAVE TESTIFIED—BEHOLD, HE IS BAPTIZING, AND ALL ARE COMING TO HIM!” (JN 3:26)
- JOHN ANSWERED AND SAID, “A MAN CAN RECEIVE NOTHING UNLESS IT HAS BEEN GIVEN TO HIM FROM HEAVEN. YOU YOURSELVES BEAR ME WITNESS, THAT I SAID, ‘I AM NOT THE CHRIST,’ BUT, ‘I HAVE BEEN SENT BEFORE HIM.’ (JN 3:27)
- “HE MUST INCREASE, BUT I MUST DECREASE.” (JN. 3:30)

## (2) THEY UNDERSTAND THEIR ROLE/MISSION

- “NOW SEPARATE TO ME BARNABAS AND SAUL FOR THE WORK TO WHICH I HAVE CALLED THEM.” (ACTS 13:2)

### **(3) DO NOT PROMOTE THEMSELVES**

*“REMEMBER AT ALL TIMES THE WORD OF THE LORD WHICH SAID, ‘LET HIM WHO READS UNDERSTAND,’ SO THAT, THROUGH YOUR GOOD PROGRESS AND YOUR ADVANCEMENT IN THIS RANK, YOUR WORTH MIGHT BE THEREFORE BE SEEN AND YOU MIGHT BE GIVEN APPROVAL TO BE ADVANCED TO THE HIGHER RANK. THEREFORE, THIS IS SO THAT THOSE WHO HAVE BROUGHT YOU INTO THE MIDST MIGHT HAVE A BOAST THAT THEY DID WELL TO GIVE YOU A VOTE OF APPROVAL IN THE PROPER TIME AND ORDER, AND CHRIST JESUS OUR LORD...”*





## **(4) UNDERSTAND THEIR LIMITS**

“I AM ‘THE VOICE OF ONE CRYING IN THE WILDERNESS: “MAKE STRAIGHT THE WAY OF THE LORD.” (JN. 1:23)

# SUMMARY

## Importance of Knowing my Place

- Gives purpose
- Gives me a point of reference
- Teaches me to appreciate others
- Eases the anxieties of life
- Helps maintain the stability of a system

## Why do we go beyond our place?

- Ambition
- Preeminence
- Love of Praise and Power
- Troubled by Success

## Qualities found in those who know their Place

- Humility
- They understand their role/mission
- Do not self-promote
- Understand their limits