

# Study QUESTIONS

## Ep. 1293: Am I Playing the Social Status Game?

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1. Define “social status.” Who are “influencers?” Which social media sites do you participate in? How does your “status” on these sites impact you?
2. What three things did Jesus tell us we were to BE LIKE?
  - a. Matthew 18:1-4 – Why are we to be this way?
  - b. Matthew 5:3 – Thoroughly describe what this phrase means.  
Luke 6:20-26 – How does Jesus contrast the opposite sides of this phrase?
  - c. Matthew 20:26-28 – What was Jesus’ mindset – his attitude?  
Jesus’ status level was so high because...? (Philippians 2:5-8, Isaiah 14:13-14)  
How were Jesus’ actions diametrically opposed to Lucifer’s? (Isaiah 14:13-14)
3. How did Jesus confront status seeking among the apostles in each of the following three accounts?
  - a. Mark 9:31-37   b. Matthew 20:17-28   c. Luke 22:24-27
    - 1) Describe the setting or event.
    - 2) What did Jesus reveal – what was his dramatic statement?
    - 3) How did the apostles react? What were they concerned with at the time?
    - 4) What was Jesus’ reaction? Explain in-depth any illustrations he gave.
4. What are Jesus’ promises to those who follow him in his humility? What must we do to gain these promises? How can Peter (and we) be an effective Christian influencer? (Luke 22:28-31)
5. Why is the competition for status as a social influencer a dangerous place for a Christian to be? How does the parable of Luke 18:9-14 explain this? Where does our status as Christians come from? How did the Apostle Paul handle his status as an “influencer”? Why is our Christian mission in this world the antithesis of seeking social status? (1 Corinthians 1:25-30, 11:1, John 15:18-19, 2 Peter 2:9)
6. How does Paul in 1 Corinthians 12:14-26 level the natural status of individuals in the body of Christ?
  - a. vs. 14-20: How does he address someone who feels unworthy to be a body member?
  - b. vs. 21-24: How does he address someone who feels more essential than others?
  - c. vs. 24-26: Why is the body set up this way? (Galatians 3:27-29)
  - d. How do the Parables of the Pounds and Talents address this same issue? (Matthew 25:14-30)
7. Expand on the following points on how to be influencers for Christ in a godly way:
  - a. How do we establish ourselves as servants? (John 13:12-17)
  - b. Why must we intentionally maintain our servanthood? (Romans 12:9-17)
  - c. What is important in our perception of others? (James 2:1-6)
  - d. Where do our strength and abilities in helping others come from? (Galatians 6:1-5)
8. At what level do you put yourself in the social media world? Do you feel this is a safe place for you to be as a Christian? If you are not involved in social media, consider whether or not you feel superior to those who are.