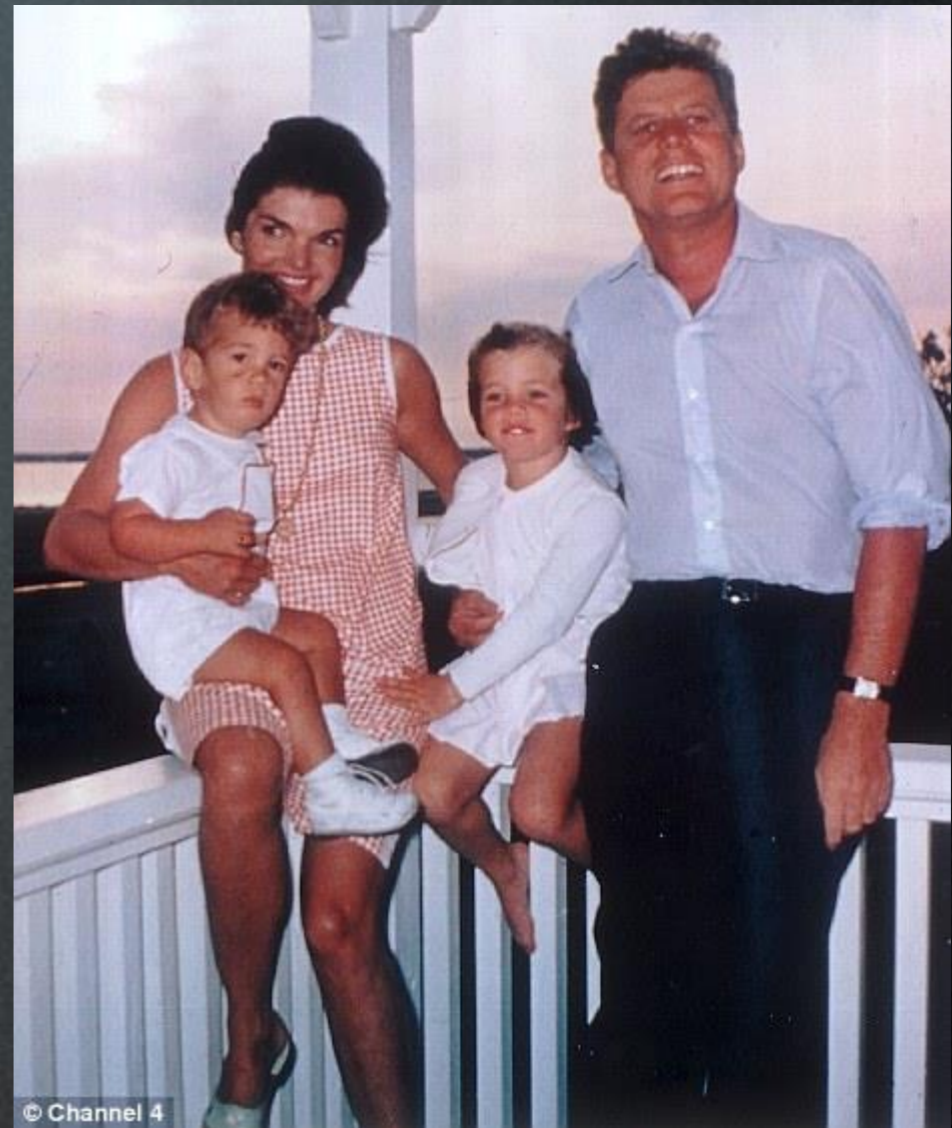




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Character Matrix Revolution

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Character Matrix

Key Mechanisms that make the matrix work



Exercise

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Process...
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What is Servant Leadership?

Scripture: John 13:1-17

¹ It was just before the Passover Festival. Jesus knew that the hour had come for him to leave this world and go to the Father. Having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end.

² The evening meal was in progress, and the devil had already prompted Judas, the son of Simon Iscariot, to betray Jesus. ³ Jesus knew that the Father had put all things under his power, and that he had come from God and was returning to God; ⁴ so he got up from the meal, took off his outer clothing, and wrapped a towel around his waist. ⁵ After that, he poured water into a basin and began to wash his disciples' feet, drying them with the towel that was wrapped around him.

⁶ He came to Simon Peter, who said to him, "Lord, are you going to wash my feet?"

⁷ Jesus replied, "You do not realize now what I am doing, but later you will understand."

⁸ "No," said Peter, "you shall never wash my feet."

Jesus answered, "Unless I wash you, you have no part with me."

⁹ "Then, Lord," Simon Peter replied, "not just my feet but my hands and my head as well!"

¹⁰ Jesus answered, "Those who have had a bath need only to wash their feet; their whole body is clean. And you are clean, though not every one of you." ¹¹ For he knew who was going to betray him, and that was why he said not every one was clean.

¹² When he had finished washing their feet, he put on his clothes and returned to his place. "Do you understand what I have done for you?" he asked them. ¹³ "You call me 'Teacher' and 'Lord,' and rightly so, for that is what I am. ¹⁴ Now that I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also should wash one another's feet. ¹⁵ I have set you an example that you should do as I have done for you. ¹⁶ Very truly I tell you, no servant is greater than his master, nor is a messenger greater than the one who sent him. ¹⁷ Now that you know these things, you will be blessed if you do them.

Exercise

Write words that describe a
person of “character”

Character

- 👁️ A distinctive mark
- 👁️ The aggregate of features and traits that form the individual nature of some person or thing
- 👁️ Personality in a story

The Matrix

Something within or from which something else originates, or takes form.



You must choose to walk through the matrix in order for it to transform you.

Character Quiz

- 👁️ Our story is to live our lives together for something greater than _____
- 👁️ To lead we must _____
- 👁️ There is nobody _____ us.
- 👁️ We are striving to have the character of _____

Divine Insights on Character

Isaiah 35:8

Matthew 7:13-14

Luke 13:24

Luke 8:4-15

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The Path from Pride to Courage



Quest for Honor



Pride

Full of Self

Combat Pride with Humility



STEP #1

“sober self appraisal”

Divine Insight: Humility

Luke 18:9-14

Philippians 2:3-4

1 Peter 5:5-8

Humble yourself is something you DO!



Humility
is not
something
you wait for
or
ask for...

HUMILITY

Sometimes, you're just screwed.

Humility vs.
Humiliation

Humility

Combating Pride
with Humility
leads to...

Integrity



Divine Insight: Integrity

Matthew 22:15-22

Integrity

Living a life of
integrity leads to:

Courage



Divine Insight: Courage

Matthew 8:18-27

Proverbs 28:1

In the end...

Pride--Full of Self

Courage--Absence of Self

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Intermission

15 minutes

The Path to Wisdom



Quest for Enlightenment



Servant Leader

Foolishness

Consistently doing the wrong
thing in the
wrong way at the
wrong time

Scripture:
Psalm 14:1

*The fool^[a] says in his heart,
"There is no God."
They are corrupt, their deeds are vile;
there is no one who does good.*

Combat Foolishness with Faithfulness

Scripture: Luke 18:1-8

¹ Then Jesus told his disciples a parable to show them that they should always pray and not give up. ² He said: "In a certain town there was a judge who neither feared God nor cared what people thought. ³ And there was a widow in that town who kept coming to him with the plea, 'Grant me justice against my adversary.'

⁴ "For some time he refused. But finally he said to himself, 'Even though I don't fear God or care what people think, ⁵ yet because this widow keeps bothering me, I will see that she gets justice, so that she won't eventually come and attack me!'"

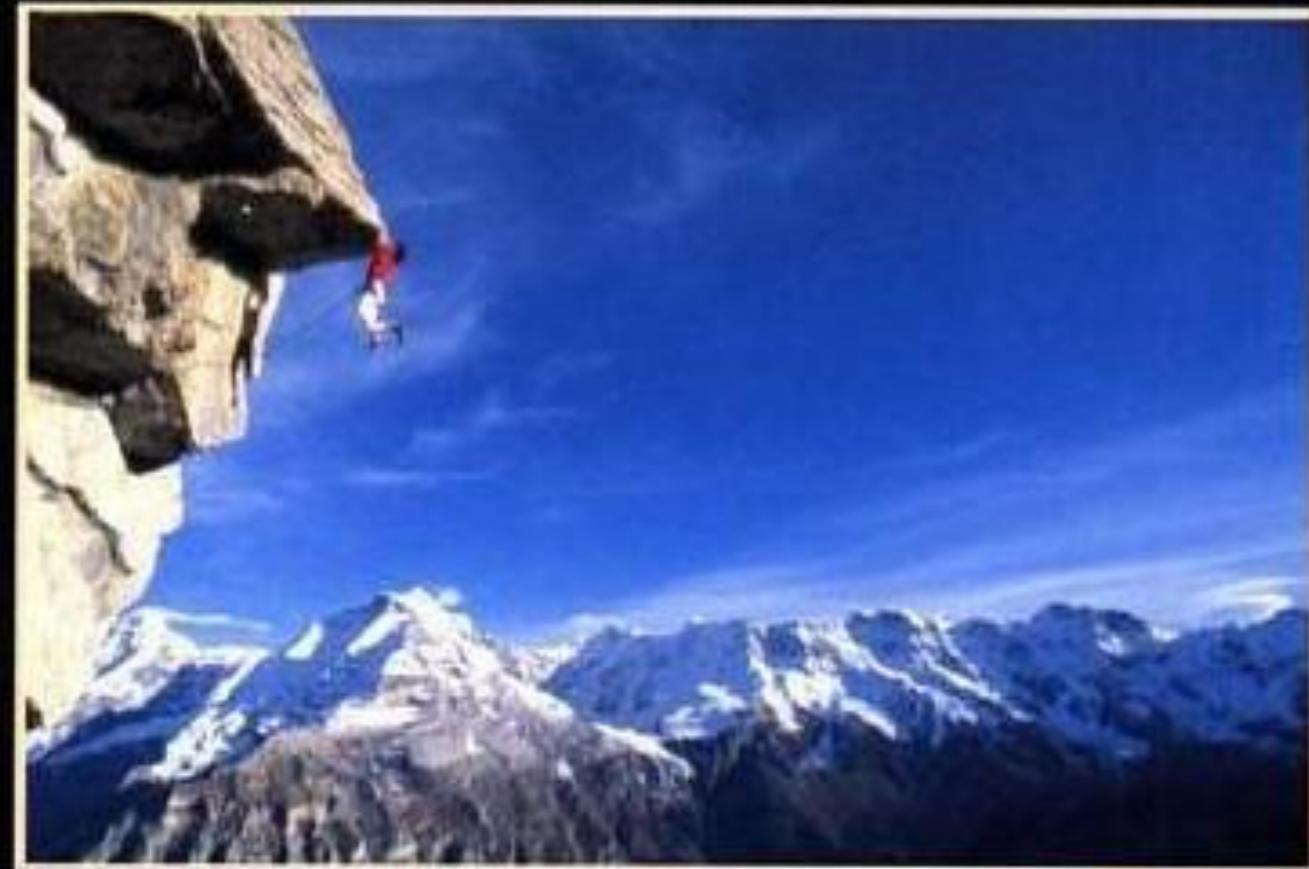
⁶ And the Lord said, "Listen to what the unjust judge says. ⁷ And will not God bring about justice for his chosen ones, who cry out to him day and night? Will he keep putting them off? ⁸ I tell you, he will see that they get justice, and quickly. However, when the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on the earth?"

Faithfulness

Be reliable, trustworthy

Describe how?

Perseverance



PERSEVERANCE

What the mind can conceive and believe, it can achieve.

Combat
Foolishness
with
Faithfulness
leads to
Perseverance

Foolishness
Faithfulness*
Perseverance
Wisdom

Wisdom

Foolishness--consistently doing the wrong thing in the wrong way at the wrong time

Wisdom--doing the right thing in the right spirit at the right time

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Intermission

10 minutes

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The Path from Greed to Generosity



Quest for Nobility



Greed

Entitlement

Combat Greed with Gratitude



Pessimism
vs.
Optimism

Divine Insights: Gratitude

Matthew 18:23-32

1 Thess 5:16-18

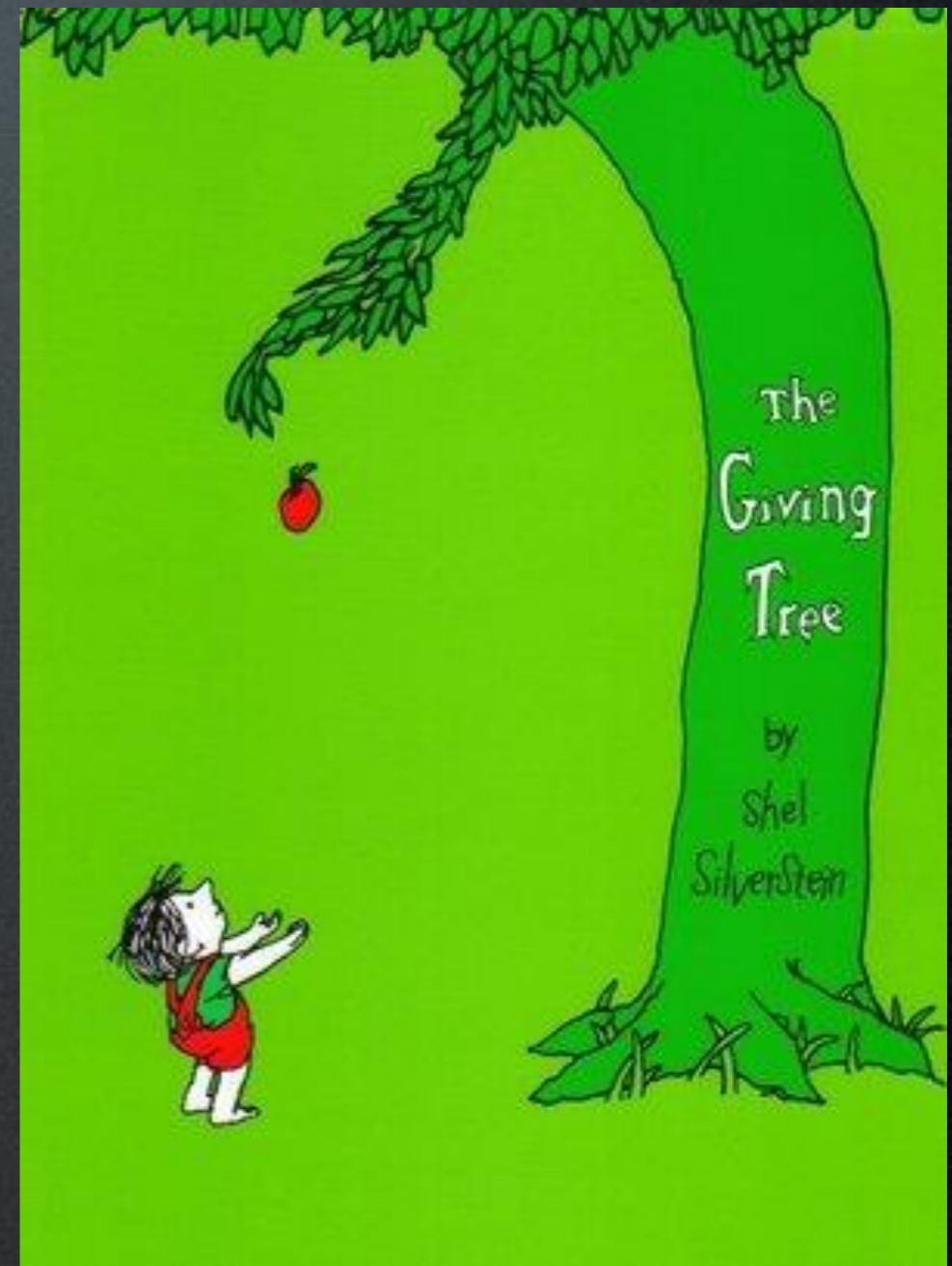
Philippians 2:19-22

Gratitude

Combating Greed
with Gratitude
Leads to:

Wholeness

Being able to give more
than you receive

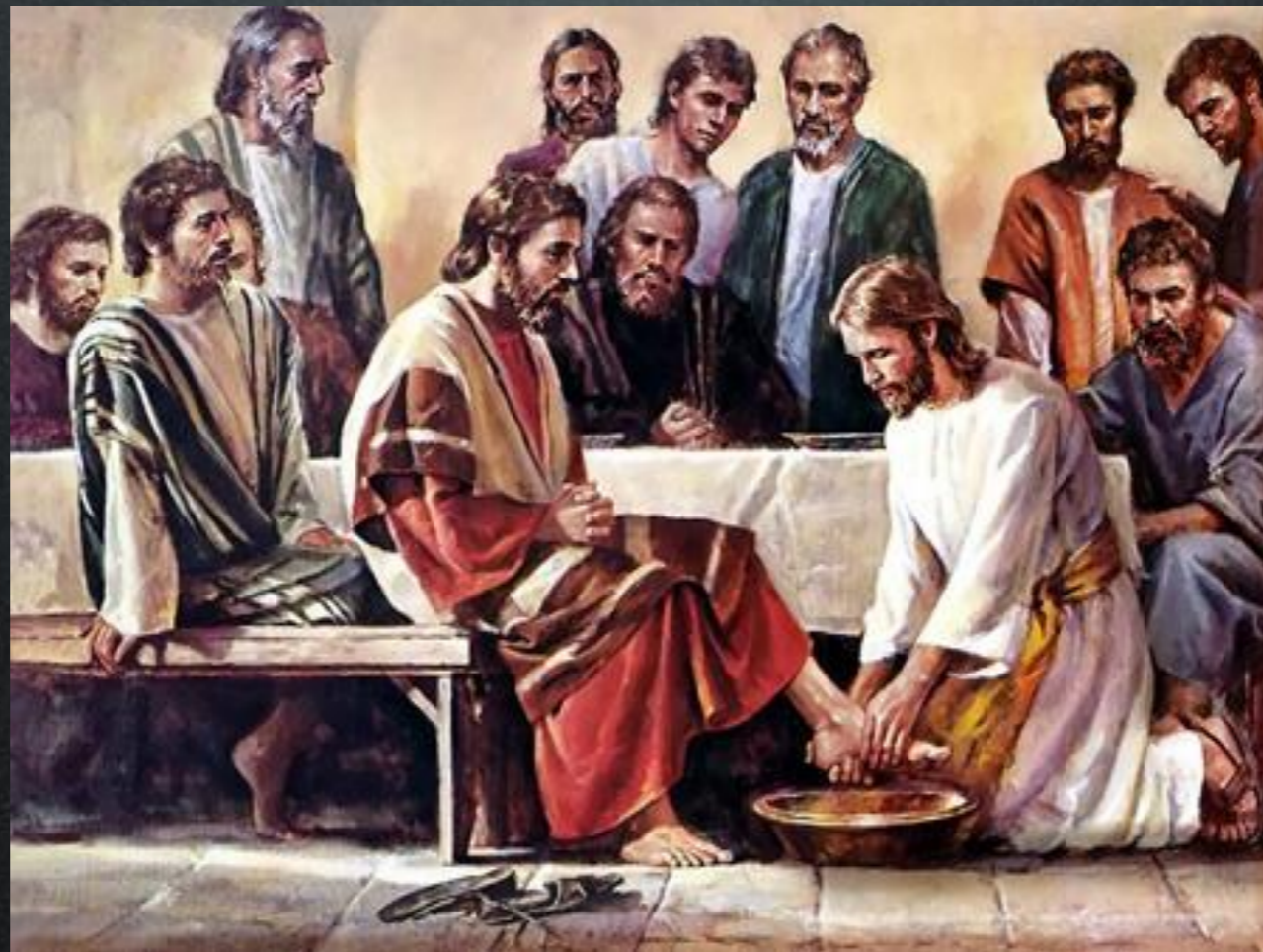


Divine Insights: Wholeness

Luke 17:11-19

In the end...

Greed to Generosity Consuming to Creating



Serving Others

Covenant of Silence – 30 minutes

Where are you on each path?

What is working?

What is not?

What are small steps you can take to transform from:

- Pride to Humility
- Foolishness to Faithfulness
- Greed to Gratitude

Check Yourself

Greed

Compare yourself to others?

Do you over-eat or get drunk?

Want more stuff? Keeping written or mental lists of things you want to buy?

Do you believe you deserve better?

Are you giving your time and money? Holding back?

Do you gravitate towards relationships that will give you a “return on investment”?

Are you controlling with finances? Argue with your spouse about money or have an attitude that it is “your money”?

Foolishness

Are you doing the same thing and expecting a different result?

Are you stuck in a cycle of sin? (you know it’s wrong but you continue to do it)

Do you have any fears about yourself that you wouldn’t want to be “found out”?

Are you learning and applying God’s word consistently in your life?

Does your wife know about all your relationships? Do you keep secrets?

How are you treating your family with your words and actions?

Do you sometimes lie or embellish the truth?

Pride

Feel insecure?

Do you need to be right?

Have a hard time admitting you are wrong?

Are you more invested in “being heard” than “hearing/listening”?

Do you get irritated or impatient with others?

Not easily corrected, and not changing when corrected

Comparison and competition with others

Are you inclusive with others? Do you avoid others? Do you judge others?

Are you the same person regardless of the circumstances or the group you are with?

Character Matrix



Day 2

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Character Matrix Read-out

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Parting Shots

2 things that Jesus fought against

- 1) Lack of Integrity
- 2) Hypocrisy

God is more interested in shaping character than changing circumstances

We can only control how we respond to our circumstances

Scripture

Matthew 7:21-27

²¹ “Not everyone who says to me, ‘Lord, Lord,’ will enter the kingdom of heaven, but only the one who does the will of my Father who is in heaven. ²² Many will say to me on that day, ‘Lord, Lord, did we not prophesy in your name and in your name drive out demons and in your name perform many miracles?’ ²³ Then I will tell them plainly, ‘I never knew you. Away from me, you evildoers!’

²⁴ “Therefore everyone who hears these words of mine and puts them into practice is like a wise man who built his house on the rock. ²⁵ The rain came down, the streams rose, and the winds blew and beat against that house; yet it did not fall, because it had its foundation on the rock. ²⁶ But everyone who hears these words of mine and does not put them into practice is like a foolish man who built his house on sand. ²⁷ The rain came down, the streams rose, and the winds blew and beat against that house, and it fell with a great crash.”

The Character Matrix Challenge

Don't pray for these things – DO THEM!

- 1) Gratitude: What am I thankful for? How can I give thanks?
- 2) Faithfulness: What small step can I take today to either turn away from something that is bad for me or move towards something good? How am I being reliable/trustworthy?
- 3) Humility: How am I humbling myself? How can I put someone else's needs ahead of mine?

You must...



...Choose