

Friday Morning Devotional

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I. Introduction.

A. The Lord had blessed Israel for a thousand years, but the people concluded: blessed are the proud. (Malachi 3:15)

B. Text: Matthew 5.

II. The guiding principles of the kingdom.

A. Humility. This is the evidence of a person's value of God. (John 3)

B. Integrity.

1. This is the evidence of a person's value of himself or herself.

2. We are not for sale—we have been bought with a price.

C. Sensitivity. This is the evidence of a person's value of other people.

III. Jesus on the cross.

A. He forgave everyone.

B. He showed humility in surrendering Himself to the Father.

C. He showed integrity in saying that He was thirsty and it was finished.

D. He showed sensitivity in reaching out to the thief and John.

IV. The Lord requires integrity, sensitivity and humility. (Micah 6:8)

Application questions:

1. Which of the guiding principles do you struggle with the most? Explain.

2. How did Jesus show these principles on the cross?

3. How can one practically grow in these areas? Explain.
