



To be last is a call to _____.

Reasons for being last for Christ:

1. To keep _____.

Mark 9:33 (NIV)

Jesus asked the disciples, “What were you arguing about on the road?”

2. To _____ Jesus.

Mark 9:35 (NIV)

Sitting down, Jesus called the Twelve and said, “Anyone who wants to be first must be the very last, and the servant of all.”

3. To _____.

Mark 9:36–37 (NIV)

He took a little child whom he placed among them. Taking the child in his arms, he said to them, “Whoever welcomes one of these little children in my name welcomes me; and whoever welcomes me does not welcome me but the one who sent me.”

4. To _____ Jesus.

Philippians 2:7 (NIV)

Rather, he (Jesus) made himself nothing by taking the very nature of a servant, made in human likeness.

Read the list below to see if any of them apply to you

(<https://btcbm.org/2019/01/29/being-last-isnt-so-bad/>)

- Do you find it hard to admit when you are wrong, yet find it easy to point out other’s mistakes?
- Do find it difficult to take directions from others, especially your peers?
- Do you undermine the authority of others?
- Do you generally think that your way is right or is the best way and find it hard to accept doing things that other people suggest? Are you controlling of others, wanting them to do things your way because you feel you are right?
- Do you feel you are better than others?
- Do you think of yourself as more spiritual than others? Do you compare yourself to them (i.e. I pray more than them, read the Bible more than them, help others more than them, give financially more than them)
- Do you look down on others who are less educated, less refined or less successful than yourself? Do you avoid talking to them?
- Do you have a sharp, critical tongue?
- Do you quickly correct or criticize other people who are in positions of leadership? Do you ignore or do the opposite of what they ask you to do?
- Are you driven to receive approval or acceptance from others?
- Are you argumentative?
- Do you have a hard time asking for help or admitting you have a problem? Do you want people to think you don’t struggle in order not to look weak in front of them?
- Do you resent being asked or expected to serve others?
- Are you a perfectionist and become impatient with those who make mistakes?
- Do you become defensive when criticized or corrected?
- Do you complain about other people or consider yourself a better Christian than they are. Are you quick to point out their unchristian ways as opposed to praying for them or encouraging them?
- Are you more concerned about your problems rather than the burdens of others?
- Do you talk about yourself or your situations more than listening to others? Do you interrupt people in order to talk more about yourself?
- Are you hurt when your opinions or feelings are not considered or used or you are not informed when a change or decision is made?
- Do you worry about what others think of you and try to make yourself look better or smarter? Do you avoid being around certain people because they make you feel inferior?