

The Person & Work of God the Son

Study 9

In our last study we learned what it means to have childlike faith. In our continuing study on the nature of Christ we now look at what Jesus meant when He told us to live our lives “*as the younger.*”

1) As the younger

Jesus said...

*“But not so among you; on the contrary, he who is greatest among you, let him be **as the younger**, and he who governs as he who serves.”*

Luke 22:26

Luke records a variation of Jesus’ instruction to those who want to be great in the Kingdom of God. Think about family dynamics and compare the advantages of being the firstborn with the disadvantages of being the youngest child (ex., compare the expectations and benefits that Prince William has with Prince Harry’s disappointments with the Royal Family).

Advantages of being firstborn

Disadvantages of being the youngest

2) Living with less

Under the Law of Moses, the firstborn son received **twice** the inheritance that the younger siblings received (Deut. 21:17). Why would Jesus want you to live *as if* you had less?

Think about the work that God has called you to as a journey. What are some practical benefits of living with less so that you can travel light in life?

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- 3) Why is it so difficult for so many Christians in the USA to live with less, or at least to live *as if* they had less?

- 4) The example of Jesus

The apostle Paul describes Jesus as the firstborn (“*pre-eminent*”) over all of Creation...

“He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn over all creation. For by Him all things were created that are in heaven and that are on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or principalities or powers. All things were created through Him and for Him.”

Colossians 1:15-16

Give some examples of how Jesus lived His life on earth “*as the younger*.”

- 5) Temptations

What kind of temptations in life does living “*as the younger*” protect you from? What scripture(s) support your view?

- 6) How does living out your faith “*as the younger*” reflect the nature of Jesus to the world around you?
