

## 3/11/18 | RISE ABOVE: Promotion



*"Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit, but in humility consider others better than yourselves."* —Philippians 2:3 | NIV

### DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

1. What are important characteristics in those who are promoted? What should be the important characteristics in those who are promoted? Is *reality* and what *should be* different? Why? How much do the characteristics depend on the type of job?
2. Consider this quote and association from the sermon. What do they mean to you? What do they have to do with promotion? Have you found them to be true?

"You'll only grow to the threshold  
of your pain."

—Samuel Chand, *Leadership Pain*

GROWTH = CHANGE = LOSS = PAIN

### Seeking Promotion

3. Read Matthew 25:14-30. What is the difference between the three servants' actions? What's different between the master's reactions?
4. What advice would you pull from this parable? How have you seen this parable acted out in your life?
5. Do you actively seek promotion? Why? If so, how do you seek it?
6. Read Galatians 5:22-23 and Colossians 3:17, 23. Is your behavior at your job (or other daily life) modeled around what will get you noticed? Or is it modeled on Christ and the fruit of the Spirit?

7. Read Ephesians 6:5-9. In what ways are we like the slaves in these verses? In what ways are we like the masters in these verses? What does it mean for us to work as if serving the Lord? How does that change our work ethic and behavior?

### **Dealing with Promotion**

8. When is the last time you had a promotion, accommodation, or raise? Did you deserve it? How did it make you feel? What was the hardest for you to deal with, the temptations, the pressures, or the criticisms? What advice would you give?
9. Read Matthew 11:28-30. What does it mean by “yoke”? What makes Christ’s yoke so light?
10. Read Galatians 5:1. What is the freedom we have in Christ? Do you feel free? Why or why not?
11. Read Galatians 6:3-6. How does this apply to those who have received a promotion? What is the danger of pride?
12. How can you remember this week to not compare yourself to others? How can you remember to work as if serving the Lord, not men? How will remembering these change the way you approach your job?

**TAKE AWAY:** The way up is down.