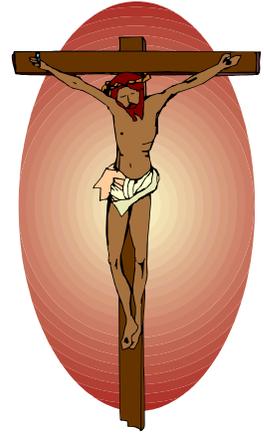


Keeping Jesus Central

Ephesians 6: 7 & Colossians 3:23
“Doing your job with Jesus as the supervisor”

Keeping Jesus Central #8



KJC's: “Will You Give Up Your Seat?”

“Sowing the Seed”:

I travel a lot, often by airplane. One of the benefits many airlines offer to their customers is “frequent flyer rewards programs”. The more you travel, the more awards miles you get. The more miles accumulated the higher the “member status” level the passenger attains. Due to “frequent flying”, I am in a membership level that almost always ensures I am seated in “First Class”. Let me tell you....this is a nice benefit and makes flying much more comfortable. One gets used to it very fast. I really like flying in “First Class”. So much so, that when I do not get a “First Class” seat, I wonder if the person sitting in “my” seat really deserved it. When I am sitting in “that seat” the only thing I think about is “keeping it”. I simply sit down in “my” nice big seat, block out everything else, and wait for the flight attendant to bring me my free beverages (even before the plane leaves the ground) and think about the luxurious meal I will receive up in “First Class”. I even chuckle to myself that the “poor people” back in “coach” will probably only get a small bag of pretzels. Ok.....I am adding drama to my story, but if I am honest, I am probably not too far off the truth.

A few weeks ago, two gentlemen I sat next to on a plane brought me down off my “pride trip” and made me truly think about the Christian principles I try to live by every day. That day, I knew I was not pleasing God or He was at the very least, a little disappointed in me. I was humbled.

Here’s what happened: I got my “First Class” seat and was very happy. All the other passengers boarded and the plane was completely full, except for one seat.....the first seat in “coach” directly behind “First Class” and one row from me. The last passenger came on the plane. He was a man in a wheel chair who was apparently paralyzed from the waist down. He and the crew member trying to get him in his plane seat were struggling very hard to get his wheel chair in place to move him to the seat. It just was not working. Throughout the ordeal, the man was very courteous and cheerful. I (“Mr. Christian Man”) just watched from “my” comfy seat (about 2 feet away). While I was doing nothing, the man in the “First Class” seat directly across the aisle from me said to the disabled man “Here, take my seat” and insisted he do so. Both men were easily seated and were very happy. I just sat there and thought about what happened and what Christ would have done

I think Jesus was very pleased with the man who gave up his “seat of honor” and also the attitude of the man who did not have use of his legs. Both of these men had truly kind hearts and loved their neighbors as themselves. Being a Christian, I thank God that He brought this situation into my life. I have learned from it and will open my heart, not my eyes in the future.

KJC's: “Will You Give Up Your Seat?”

Read the following verse from The Bible:

1 Chronicles 28:9-10
Psalms 19:12; 44:21, 139:23-24
Proverbs 3:28; 4:23, 15:30, 17:22
Zechariah 3:10
Matthew 6:19-24, 19:19
Luke 10:27-28, 14:8
James 2:3-8
Galathians 5:14



Vocation
Transformation

RRSKJC831605

Discuss these KJC's with others! Remember, Christ is with you! Matthew 18:20