

Week 35  
May 31, 2009

## **KINGDOM PEOPLE CREATE OPEN DOORS**

Matthew 23

### **Our Impulse to Catalog People**

Kinds of People and Filters of Perception

### **Honor-Earned vs. Favor-Extracted**

Self-serving Lobbyists

The Cost of Interpersonal Politics

Jesus on Rank and Worth

*Texts: Matthew 20:20-28*

### **Seeing the Worth of Persons**

The Weight of Glory in Simple Souls

Reminding Others of Their Value

Cultivating a Conscious Respect

*Texts: Romans 8:16-19; 29a*

### **Social Graces: Love Must Be Sincere**

Honoring Others above Ourselves

Healthy Competition vs. Unhealthy Comparison

Self-Respect in the Kingdom and the World

*Texts: Romans 12:3-6a, 9-18*

### **In the Service of Our Maker**

Free Slaves—Not Managed, nor Manipulated

### ***Recommended Reading***

C.S. Lewis. *The Weight of Glory*. San Francisco: HarperCollins, 2001

C.S. Lewis. *Mere Christianity*, Book 3: Chapter 9, "Liking and Loving." New York: Macmillan, 1986.