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FREE TO BE 'Serving'

Matthew 25:31-46 Pew Bible pg. 703

John 13:34-35 Pew Bible Pg. 763



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Why do waiters love to serve hardworking people?



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“The value of a life is measured in terms of how much was given away.”

Andy Stanley

⇒ Do we believe this is true?



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“Upside down” kingdom values:

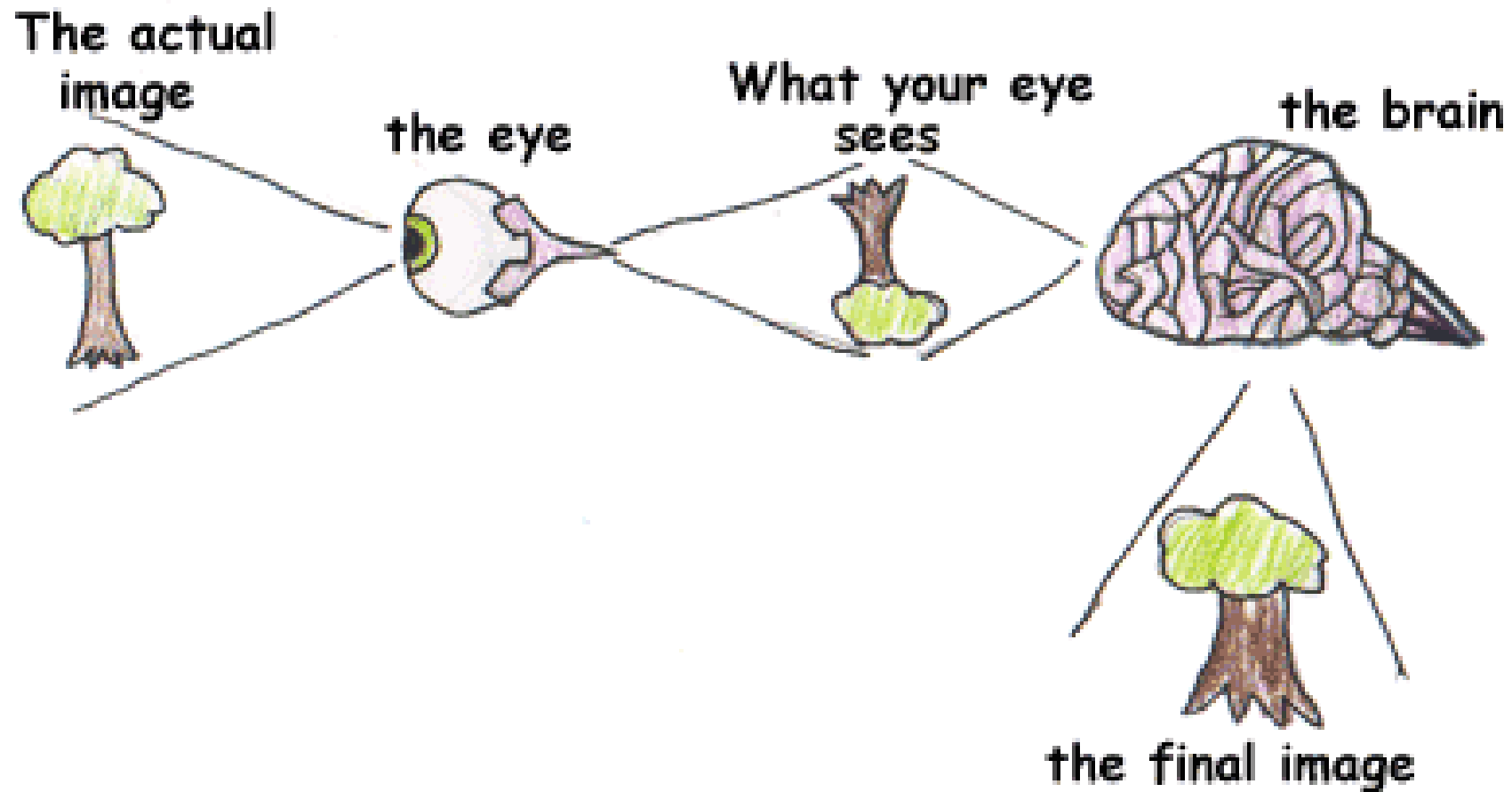
- The first will be last
- To live, we need to die
- Love your enemy

Matt 20:26-28

We know this, but we forget...



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What world view are we adapting to?



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“At the end of life we will not be judged by how many diplomas we have received, how much money we have made, how many great things we have done. We will be judged by “I was hungry, and you gave me something to eat, I was naked and you clothed me. I was homeless, and you took me in”.

Mother Teresa



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Matt 25:31-46

- Sheep and goats
- Not about diplomas, money or achievements
 - ⇒ We are richer than we think
 - ⇒ What are we doing with our “talents”?
- The King had it all and gave it all!



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John 12:26-27, 13:13-15

- Jesus example
- Phil 1:1



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Galatians 5:13+14

- Freedom to serve
 - “Faith in action is Love, Love in action is Service” (Mother Teresa)
- ⇒ “The Fruit of Love is Service”
- James 2:15-16



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Romans 12:1ff

- Our bodies as living sacrifices
- Gifts given for service
- No gift insignificant, no act of service too small
 - Winston Churchill: mine workers

“I am a little pencil in the hand of a writing God,
who is sending a love letter to the world” Mother Teresa



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Practical Application:

How do I know how (much) to serve?

1. God's call to serve
2. My circumstances and my circles of influence and responsibility
3. My personal calling/conscience

“ If you can't feed 100 people, then just feed 1”



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This vision is the desire of the believers at Wallenstein Bible Chapel. We will be a congregation that truly pleases Jesus our Lord, our Saviour and our King. We want the people that call WBC home to live the following vision out of the freedom of a transformed heart; a heart that is overflowing with the love that has been placed there by His endless love for us. We understand that without faith it is impossible to please God, and that **even a very small amount of faith, when placed in God, can accomplish wonderful things.**



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Story: Young pianist plays with the Master

