

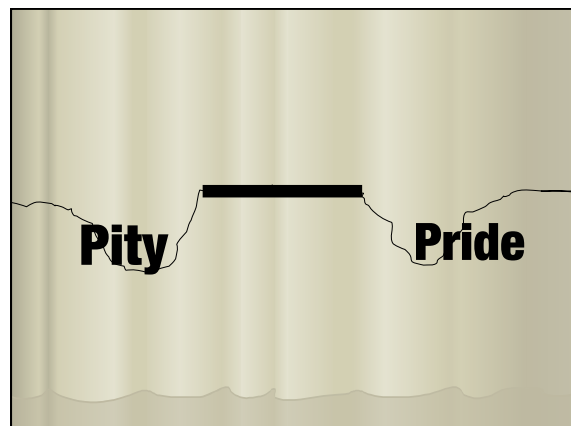
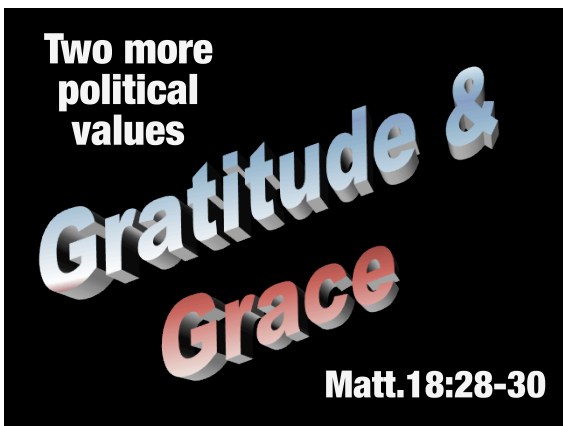


**Two challenges from this text**

1.  
**People in low places need to take ownership.**
2.  
**People in high places need to show compassion.**

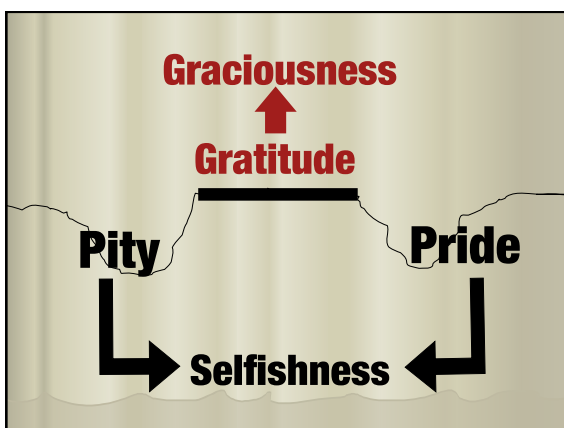
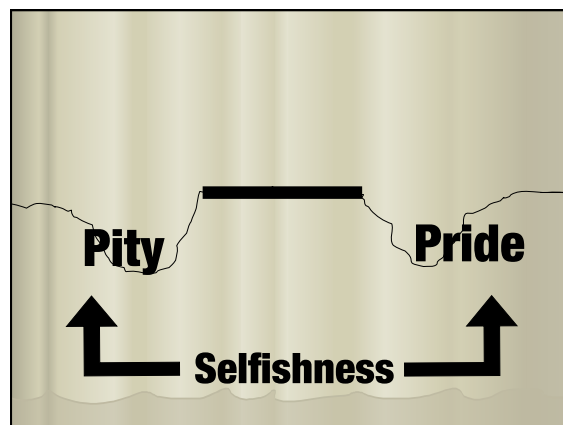
Matthew 18

"<sup>28</sup> But that slave went out and found one of his fellow slaves who owed him a hundred denarii; and he seized him and began to choke him, saying, 'Pay back what you owe.'<sup>29</sup> So his fellow slave fell down and began to entreat him, saying, 'Have patience with me and I will repay you.'<sup>30</sup> He was unwilling however, but went and threw him in prison until he should pay back what was owed."



*Two tragic ways we recall our story*

<b>The Pity Party</b>	<b>The Pride Parade</b>
“Its just not fair!”	“Thank God, I am not like all the others.”



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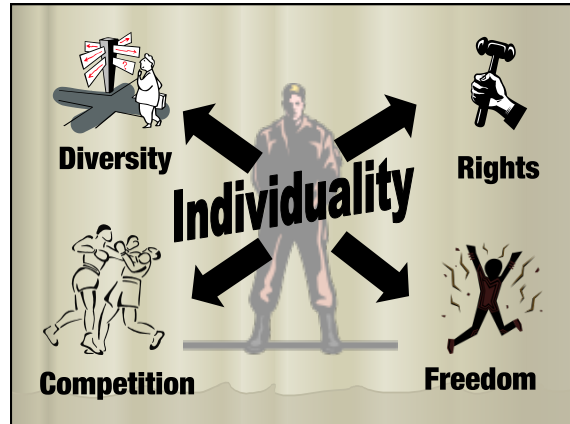
1. People who are **bitter** need to **count their blessings.**
2. People who are **proud** need to **remember their support.**



“Let all bitterness and wrath and anger and clamor and slander be put away from you, along with all malice, and be kind to one another, tender-hearted, forgiving each other, just as God in Christ also has forgiven you.” **Ephesians 4:31-32**

*Political implications*

- ✓ **Renew your mind** - Gratitude kills self pity and pride.
- ✓ **Recognize your sources** - Thankful people are generous.
- ✓ **Repeat the pattern** - Generous people build community.



*Two tragic political values*

1.  
People are **bitter.**
2.  
People are **proud.**