# BADDEST MEN ON THE PLANET The Servant

# 1 Corinthians 11:1 (NLT)

<sup>1</sup> Paul said, "And you should <u>imitate me</u>, <u>just as I imitate</u> <u>Christ</u>."

#### Matthew 16:24-26 (NLT)

<sup>24</sup> Then Jesus said to his disciples, "<u>If any of you wants to</u> <u>be my follower</u> [as My disciple], you must give up your own way, take up your cross, and <u>follow me</u>.<sup>25</sup> If you try to hang on to your life, you will lose it. But if you give up your life for my sake, you will save it.<sup>26</sup> And what do you benefit if you gain the whole world but <u>lose your own soul</u>? <u>Is anything</u> worth more than your soul</u>?

#### Matthew 16:24 (AMP)

<sup>24</sup> Then Jesus said to His disciples, "If anyone wishes to follow Me [as My disciple], he must deny himself [set aside selfish interests] and take up his cross [expressing a willingness to endure whatever may come] and follow Me [believing in Me, conforming to My example in living and, if need be, suffering or perhaps dying because of faith in Me].

# Who are you FOLLOWING?

# Who IS this Jesus we are ASKED to FOLLOW?

#### Mark 10:35-37 (NLT)

<sup>35</sup> Then James and John, the sons of Zebedee, came over and spoke to him. "Teacher," they said, "<u>we want you to do</u> <u>us a favor</u>." <sup>36</sup> "What is your request?" he asked. <sup>37</sup> They replied, "When you sit on your glorious throne, we want to sit in places of honor next to you, one on your right and the other on your left."

#### Mark 10:38-40 (NLT)

<sup>38</sup> But Jesus said to them, "You don't know what you are asking! Are you able to drink from the bitter cup of suffering I am about to drink? Are you able to be baptized with the baptism of suffering I must be baptized with?" <sup>39</sup> "Oh yes," they replied, "we are able!" Then Jesus told them, "You will indeed drink from my bitter cup and be baptized with my baptism of suffering. <sup>40</sup> But I have no right to say who will sit on my right or my left. God has prepared those places for the ones he has chosen."

# Mark 10:41-45 (NLT)

<sup>41</sup> When the ten other disciples heard what James and John had asked, they were indignant. <sup>42</sup> So, Jesus called them together and said, "You know that the rulers in this world lord it over their people, and officials flaunt their authority over those under them. <sup>43</sup> **But among you it will be** <u>different</u>. Whoever wants to be a leader among you must be your servant, <sup>44</sup> and whoever wants to be first among you must be the slave of everyone else. <sup>45</sup> For even the <u>Son</u> <u>of Man came not to be served but to serve others</u> and to <u>give his life as a ransom for many</u>."

"How much will we get?" Jesus promises to reward all who faithfully follow Him, but He warns against having rewards as your only motive for service. If you are His disciple, expect a cross, a cup and a baptism, for the servant is not greater than his Lord. The important question is, "How much can we give?" **—Warren Wiersbe** 

# The BADDEST MEN & WOMEN on the PLANET are SERVANTS!

The QUESTION should NEVER be, "How much can I GET?" But "How much can I GIVE?"