

Getting Dusty

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Philippians 2:5-8

Your attitude should be the same as that of Christ Jesus:
Who being in very nature God, did not consider equality with
God something to be grasped, but made himself nothing, taking the
very nature of a servant, being made in human likeness. And being found
in appearance as a man, he humbled himself and became obedient to death
—even death on a cross!



Following His Steps PROVERB

There is an old proverb from Israel that talks about a relationship between kids and their teacher. When the teacher walks and his shoes kick up dust, the student should want to be so close to the teacher that they get dusty. Do you know any teachers who you like so much you would want their dust on you?

PICKED FOR THE TEAM

Fill in the blanks for the story to make sense and be applicable to you.

One thing I'm really good at is _____
(Blank A). One person I like who is famous for doing what I do is
_____. (Blank B).

One day, I was trying out for a spot on the local team, which travels around to neighboring towns showcasing our skills. Now I don't mean to brag, but I have gifts in A: _____. So, even though the competition was tough, I was pretty sure that I would be guaranteed a spot. I was floored when the person in charge said that I wasn't good enough, that I could go home. I wanted to know why, but he had already moved along to talk to other people. Could it really be that I'm not as good as I think I am?

I started to head home, but someone was chasing after me. I couldn't believe it! It was B: _____. I was thrilled to meet someone with so much talent in something I was interested in.

B: _____ said that even though I wasn't kept on the A: _____ team, I shouldn't be down on myself. The next statement was unbelievable. B: _____ asked me to be part of the national A: _____ team. I couldn't believe it. How could I not be good enough for the team in my city, but then chosen to be part of the national team? It didn't make sense... .

What can you learn about following Jesus in these verses?

- Matthew 10:37-39
- Matthew 9:9
- Matthew 11:28
- John 14:6

WHOSE DUST IS ON YOU? QUIZ

Sometimes images and people in our culture cause us to drop our focus from Jesus. Instead of the dust of Jesus, we get the dust of others on us. Take this quiz and measure how you are doing in following Jesus. When taking this quiz, be totally honest. Don't give the answer you think others want to hear.

1 When I'm faced with a tough decision, I normally:

- a** Ask my parents what to do
- b** Try to solve it on my own
- c** Check out what my friends are doing
- d** Read God's Word and pray about it

2 In the past week, I've spent the most time:

- a** Doing my homework
- b** Doing devotions
- c** Watching TV
- d** Doing my favorite hobby

3 The thing that's most important to me in a friendship is:

- a** That I can trust the other person
- b** Popularity of the other person
- c** What I will get out of the friendship
- d** How happy this person makes me

4 The last time I told someone else about my friend Jesus was:

- a** Earlier today
- b** Last week
- c** This year
- d** Never



HEADING HOME

Discussion

1. I wouldn't tell anyone about some of the things that I've done in my life. Jesus couldn't want me. What can I do?

2. I would rather worry about this faith stuff later. Why should I worry about it now?



How about you? Whose dust is on you? There's probably some dust from lots of different people. Whose dust do you want on you?

I want Jesus' dust on me.

Martin Luther:

"God does not want hearers and repeaters of words, but followers and doers, and this occurs in faith through love."

5 I am most likely to have "dust" on me from:

- a** A Hollywood star
- b** My favorite band or singer
- c** Jesus
- d** My friends