

# Mind Benders



The Mindbenders was a '60s group from England with hits such as "A groovy kind of love," and, "The game of love." The idea of bending the mind takes us to our study today. In this battle for the mind, we have resist what seems "natural" for what is "spiritual."

## The Unnatural Way of Christ

- Matthew 5:39 "...but whoever slaps you on your right cheek, turn the other to him also."
- Matthew 5:40 "If anyone wants to sue you and take your shirt, let him have your coat also."
- Matthew 5:41 "Whoever forces you to go one mile, go with him two."

What is the 'natural' reaction to each of these statements in these passages?

In order to think Spiritually and not just do what seems natural forces us to:

- ▶ \_\_\_\_\_ first and not just \_\_\_\_\_
- ▶ Be driven by \_\_\_\_\_ and not \_\_\_\_\_
- ▶ Realize and recognize the path that the Lord wants us to \_\_\_\_\_

The Parables of Jesus were very "Unnatural"

1. Luke 15:11-32 The prodigal story

What are three obvious "unnatural" aspects of that parable?

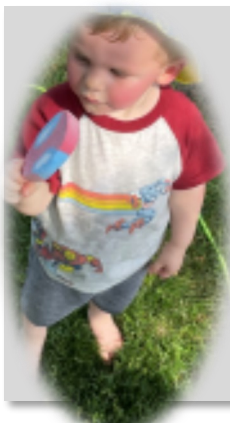
2. Matthew 20:1-16 The laborers in the vineyard story

What are three obvious "unnatural" aspects of that parable?

### A. The Upside Down Nature of the Kingdom

- Matthew 18:1-4; Mark 9:33-37; Matthew 20:20-28

1. By asking this question the disciples revealed that they did not understand \_\_\_\_\_
2. Any names that Jesus provided would have driven long time \_\_\_\_\_ between the apostles
3. The desire to be on top can get on into \_\_\_\_\_
4. Jesus answered their question with the example of a \_\_\_\_\_

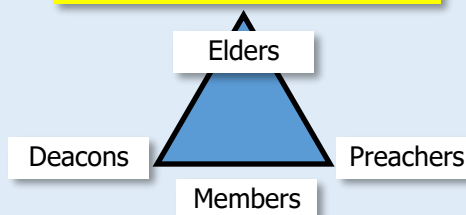


What Qualities are in a child that Jesus wants to be within us? (Mt 18:3)

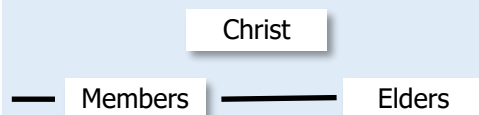
- 1.
- 2.
- 3.
- 4.
- 5.
- 6.
- 7.

### The Upside Down Nature of the Church

Common View of the church



Correct View of the church



1. The greatest in the church is the one who is busy as a \_\_\_\_\_ (Mt 20:27-28)