



# We are Servants

Closer to God - Disciples of Jesus (10)



- When you think of greatness, what comes to mind?
- The world's concept and God's concept of greatness are different.
- As Christians, greatness is seen in being servants (**Matthew 20:27**)
- Today we will address what it means to be a servant

■ Jesus, our perfect example of service

- Jesus declared Himself to be a servant
  - **Matthew 20:28, Luke 22:27.**
- He taught that we must serve
  - Matthew 20:25-27**
  - Matthew 10:24-25**
  - Mark 10:42-43**

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- He taught it in parables -

**Luke 10:29ff** – the good Samaritan

**Matthew 24:45-51** - a faithful  
servant

**Matthew 25:14-30** - the talents

Jesus, our perfect example of service

- He taught by example
  - He served the Father - **John 4:34, 5:30, Matthew 26:39, etc.**
  - **John 13:1-17** - washing disciples' feet
  - Through His life, He continually served others

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- He taught it by application -  
**Matthew 22:37-40** - love
- He taught as a factor of judgment  
- **Matthew 25:31-46**

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- Ultimately, He taught it by dying for us on the cross - **Matthew 20:28**  
**Philippians 2:7-8**
- He continues to serve - **Hebrews 4:14-16, 2:17-18** - as our High Priest

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- Recognized in the epistles
  - **Philippians 2:5-8**
  - **2 Corinthians 8:9**
  - **Romans 15:8-9**



# Serving One Another

- As disciples of Jesus - it is part of being a disciple
- Imitate Him - **1 Corinthians 11:1**  
**Philippians 2:5, 1 Peter 2:21-24**  
**Luke 6:40**
- Through love serve one another -  
**Galatians 5:13**

## Serving One Another

- **We too are servants of God**

**Matthew 6:24** - no one can serve 2 masters

**Romans 6:17-18** - servants of righteousness

**Romans 12:1** – a living sacrifice

# Serving One Another

How do we serve?

- With a proper **attitude**
- Love - **Galatians 5:13**, Cf. The good Samaritan
- Meekness & gentleness – **Colossians 3:12**

# Serving One Another

How do we serve?

- With a proper **attitude**
- Humility - **Philippians 2:3-4, 1 Corinthians 10:23-24**
- Compassion - **cf. Matthew 9:36, 14:14, 15:32, etc.**

# Serving One Another

How do we serve?

- With **awareness**
- Are we alert and looking for opportunities?
- Aware of what is needed - **cf.**

**Matthew 25:31-46, John 4:34-35**

# Serving One Another

How do we serve?

- With **awareness**
- Aware of our abilities - what are we able to do? **Matthew 25:14-30**, **Titus 3:8** - careful (concentrate, seriously consider) to maintain good works

# Serving One Another

How do we serve?

- With **action**
- Good intentions are meaningless if we do not act! **James 1:27, 2:14-17, 1 John 3:17-18**

# Serving One Another

How do we serve?

- With **availability**
- Are we there WHEN we are needed?  
Are we willing to sacrifice?  
Time, involvement, resources?  
**Cf. 1 Timothy 6:17-18**  
**2 Corinthians 12:15** - Paul was willing to “spend and be spent...”



# Serving One Another

How do we serve?

- With **availability**
- Was it convenient for the Samaritan?  
Was it convenient for Jesus to die on the cross?

# Serving One Another

Can lead to opportunities to reach others

- We ought to be concerned about others, even if not brethren  
“Love your neighbor as yourself”

**James 2:8**


**Matthew 5:13-16**

**1 Corinthians 9:19-23** - Paul became “all things to all men...”

# Serving One Another

Can lead to opportunities to reach others

- Our greatest asset in teaching others is our example! People need to **SEE** Christ in us, not just hear that we believe in Him!



Do you have the  
heart of a servant?



Let us pray!