

Make Me A Servant Ephesians 4:11-13

Are our actions marked by wanting to serve, or desire to be served?

Not children expecting others to care for us, but adults ready to help others - **Ephesians 4:14-16**

Afraid motivated by desire to be served, lead, get honor, receive praise

Bible calls on us to be servants.

All Christians Are Called On To Be Servants

Jesus calls on us to empty ourselves in order to be a child of God. - **Matthew 18:3-4**

While we continue with a carnal mind set we can never become servants of God. - **Romans 8:6-8**

What does it mean to be a servant?

It is to humble oneself and put the good of others before self.

It is to lose your life in service for God and others.

It is the opposite of pride and arrogance, or wanting to elevate self.

Jesus defined what it means to be a servant. - **John 13:3-17**

The Attitude of a servant...

...is a mind set we adopt - **1Corinthians 9:19**

...is without consideration of repayment - **Luke 6:34-35**

...is unselfish - **Philippians 2:3-8**

...is preferential to another, putting others first - **Romans 12:10**

Relationship With One Another & God Is Marked By Servanthood

We are to copy our Lord's attitude of service. - **Philippians 2:3-8; Hebrews 5:8-10**

The pathway to true greatness is found in service. - **Matthew 23:8-12**

Applying Servanthood Principle To Our Relationship In Church

Toward one another. - **Romans 12:10; Ephesians 5:21; Philippians 2:3**

Toward brethren in need. - **1John 3:17; Acts 9:36**

Toward brethren who are spiritually sick. - **Galatians 6:1; James 5:19-20**

Applying The Servanthood Principle To Evangelism

If we have the attitude of service we will have compassion on the lost and desire to take the gospel to them. - **Jude 22-23**

If we are applying the servant principle we will not be concerned about who "gets credit" for teaching others! The important thing will be the soul.

If we are applying the servant principle we will not chaff at having to do work, no matter what it is, in the work of saving souls. We will want to do whatever it takes to reach out to the Lost.

If we are applying the servant principle we will not seek converts to "our philosophy" or "our church" but to Christ.

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The legend is told of a desert wanderer who found a crystal spring of unsurpassed freshness. The water was so pure he decided to bring some to his king. Barely satisfying his own thirst, he filled a leather bottle with the clear liquid and carried it many days beneath the desert sun before he reached the palace. When he finally laid his offering at the feet of his sovereign, the water had become stale and rank due to the old container in which it had been stored. But the king would not let his faithful subject even imagine that it was unfit for use. He tasted it with expressions of gratitude and delight, and sent away the loyal heart filled with gladness. After he had gone, others sampled it and expressed their surprise that the king had even pretended to enjoy it.

"Ah!" said he, "it was not the water I tasted, but the love that prompted the offering."

Many times our service is marked by multiplied imperfections, but the Master looks at our motives and says "It is good."