

THE SIGNIFICANCE OF SERVING

Saved to Serve - Part 1

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And all of you must put on the apron of humility, to serve one another; for the scripture says, "God resists the proud, but shows favor to the humble." **1 Peter 5:5** (TEV)

Jesus sat down and called the twelve apostles to him. He said, "Whoever wants to be the most important must be last of all and servant of all." **Mark 9:35** (NCV)

For even I, the Son of Man, came here not to be served but to serve others, and to give my life as a ransom for many. **Mark 10:45** (NLT)

Difference between Someone who Serves & a Servant:

- **Heart + Attitude + Commitment = Lifestyle**

HOW DO I KNOW IF I'M A SERVANT?

Luke 10:30-35

1. I Am A Servant...When I See a Need

...he saw the man...

Make the most of every opportunity for doing good in these evil days. **Ephesians 5:16** (NLT)

Suppose you see a brother or sister who needs food or clothing, and you say, "Well, good-bye and God bless you; stay warm and eat well"—but then you don't give that person any food or clothing. What good does that do? **James 2:15-16** (NLT)

2. ... When I Don't care if Others See me Serve

...beside the road...Samaritan came along..."

...And your Father, who sees what you do in private, will reward you. **Matthew 6:18** (TEV)

3. ... When I Care About People

...he felt deep pity...

*Again Jesus said, "Simon son of John do you love me?" He answered, "Yes, Lord, you know that I love you." Jesus said, "Take care of my sheep." **John 21:16** (NCV)*

4. ... When It Costs Me Something

...he handed the innkeeper two pieces of silver and told him to take care of the man. 'If his bill runs higher than that,' he said, 'I'll pay the difference the next time I am here.

*"Then Jesus called the crowd to him, along with his followers. He said, "If people want to follow me, they must give up the things they want. They must be willing even to give up their lives to follow me." **Mark 8:34** (NCV)*

*Jesus replied, "I assure you, everyone who has given up house or wife or brothers or parents or children, for the sake of the Kingdom of God, will be repaid many times over in this life, as well as receiving eternal life in the world to come." **Luke 18:29-30** (NLT)*

5. ... When I Am Willing to Get Dirty

Kneeling beside him...soothed his wounds...bandaged them...he put the man on his own donkey...he took care of him...

6. ... When I Focus on My Eternal Rewards

So don't get tired of doing what is good. Don't get discouraged and give up, for we will reap a harvest of blessing at the appropriate time. **Galatians 6:9** (NLT)

7. ... When I Have a Good Attitude

How thankful I am to Christ Jesus our Lord for considering me trustworthy and appointing me to serve him... **1 Timothy 1:12** (NLT)

● Our Goal as a Servant:

*Don't be selfish; don't live to make a good impression on others. Be humble, thinking of others as better than yourself. Don't think only about your own affairs, but be interested in others, too, and what they are doing. Your attitude should be the same that Christ Jesus had. Though he was God, he did not demand and cling to his rights as God. He made himself nothing; he took the humble position of a slave and appeared in human form. And in human form he obediently humbled himself even further by dying a criminal's death on a cross. **Philippians 2:3-8** (NLT)*