

# The Man Who Got No Respect

(2 Kings 4-5)

- Introduction:
1. One of the hardest lessons to learn as Christians is that we are servants.
  2. Jesus was a servant (Mark 10:45) and we are to be just like Him in that respect (Romans 8:29).
  3. In 2 Kings, we read of a servant of Elisha by the name of Gehazi and his struggle with developing the heart of a servant.

## I. As A Servant, Gehazi Gets No Respect

- A. (2 Kings 4:8-28).
1. Gehazi was interested in the welfare of his master.
  2. But he was overly protective and overly possessive.
  3. (Numbers 11:24-30).
  4. (Mark 9:38-41).
- B. (2 Kings 4:31-41).
1. Gehazi is obedient, but Elisha gets all the glory, thanks, and praise.
  2. To add embarrassment to his frustration, Gehazi (?) nearly poisoned everybody when asked to make a stew.
- C. (2 Kings 5:9-12).
1. In all probability, Gehazi was the servant Elisha sent to Naaman.
  2. Gehazi was just being obedient, and took all the verbal abuse.

## II. As His Own Master, Gehazi Gets Too Much

- A. (2 Kings 5:15-27).
1. Gehazi wanted the reward that Naaman had offered for his healing.
  2. Gehazi disobeyed the will of his master, lied to Naaman, and lied to Elisha, and paid the consequences.

- Conclusion:
1. It's difficult to be a servant.
  2. But learn to let it be enough.
  3. (Romans 16:23).