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  
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).