

Serve Like Jesus

(Matthew 20:20-28)

- Introduction:
1. (Luke 17:6-10)
 2. The idea of servanthood is not a popular idea in our culture.
 3. The message preached and practiced by a vast majority of people today is, "Look out for number one."
 4. But God calls us to live counter-culture lives ...living to serve rather than be served (Matthew 20:17-28).
 5. Let's examine some of the attitudes and teachings of Jesus on the subject of service.

I. Jesus Taught That Service Will Bring Happiness

- A. (Acts 20:35) More blessed to give than to receive.
- B. (Ephesians 2:10) Created in Christ Jesus for good works.
- C. Paradox: The best way to lighten your own load is to bear the load of another.

II. Jesus Taught That Our Service Should Be Intentional

- A. (Colossians 3:23-24).
- B. So many inter-personal relationship problems could be solved if we could remember that we are serving the Lord, not the other person.
- C. What has Jesus ever done to you that would cause you to withhold good from him?

III. Jesus Taught That We Should Serve With Humility

- A. (Philippians 2:1-4).
- B. (Matthew 5:16) Let your light so shine before men...
- D. Will we serve when no one sees and no one knows?
- E. (Hebrews 6:10) God is not unjust to forget...

III. Jesus Taught Us To Serve Regardless

- A. (Luke 17:10) Still unprofitable servants.
- B. (2 Timothy 3:12) All who live godly will suffer persecution.
- C. (1 Peter 4:12-14).
- D. (Job 1:9) Serve God for nothing?
- E. Preach & Serve in season and out of season (2 Timothy 4:2).

Conclusion:

1. Our Lord came into this world to serve.
2. As disciples of Jesus, we are trying to conform our lives to match with his (Romans 8:29).
3. You will never be more like the Lord you love, than when you engage in service to your fellow man.