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Servanthood

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John 13: 1-5, 12-17

Basin Theology 101

John 13: 1 It was just before the Passover Feast. Jesus knew that the time had come for him to leave this world and go to the Father. Having loved his own who were in the world, he now showed them the full extent of his love. 2 the evening meal was being served, and the devil had already prompted Judas Iscariot, son of Simon to betray Jesus. 3 Jesus knew that the Father had put all things under his power, and so he had come from the God and was returning to God; 4 so he got up from the meal, took off his outer clothing, and wrapped a towel around his waist. 5 After that, he poured water into a basin and began to wash his disciples feet, drying them with the towel that was wrapped around him. . . 12 When he had finished washing their feet, he put on his clothes and returned to his place. "Do you understand what I have done for you?" he asked them. 13 "You call me 'Teacher' and 'Lord,' and rightly so, for that is what I am. 14 Now that I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you should wash one another's feet. 15 I have set you an example that you should do as I have done for you. 16 I tell you the truth, no servant is greater than his master, nor is a messenger greater than the one who set him. 17 Now that you know these things, you will be blessed if you do them.

Lessons In Servanthood

1. Jesus _____ his love.

*John 13:1b Having loved his own who were in the world, he now showed them the **full extent** of his love.*

Love is something we _____.

2. Jesus _____ a _____.

John 13:5 After that, he poured water into a basin and began to wash his disciples feet, drying them with the towel that was wrapped around him.

3. Jesus taught them the lesson of _____.

John 13:3 Jesus knew that the Father had put all things under his power, and so he had come from the God and was returning to God; 4 so he got up from the meal, took off his outer clothing, and wrapped a towel around his waist. Philippians 2:6 Who, being in very nature God, did not consider equality with God something to be grasped, but made himself nothing, taking on the very nature of a servant . . .

We tend to focus on our _____.

4. Jesus gave them an _____.

John 13:15 I have set you an example that you should do as I have done for you.

A servant lives to _____.

Servanthood is not a list of things to do, it is a _____.

5. Jesus promised blessing ____ we _____ servanthood.

How To Practice Servanthood

1. The service of _____ things.

Matthew 10:42 And if anyone gives even a cup of cold water to one of these little ones because he is my disciple, I tell you the truth, he will certainly not lose his reward.

What can we do?

2. The service of _____.

James 1: 19 My dear brothers take note of this: Everyone should be quick to listen, slow to speak and slow to become angry,

3. The service of _____ one another's burdens.

Galatians 6:2 Carry each other's burdens and in this way you fulfill the law of Christ.

4. The service of _____.

1 Peter 4:9 Offer hospitality to one another without grumbling.

5. The service of _____.

1 Peter 4:10 Each one should use whatever gift he has received to serve others, faithfully administering God's grace in its various forms.

Our Response

1. _____ that you are a servant.

2. Make yourself _____ to serve.

Prayer

Lord Jesus, I would appreciate it if you would bring me someone today whom I can serve.