

*Serving- requires no special talent or ability*

## **Attitude of a Servant**

-The subject of serving can be taboo

-Arguments about serving can be taken to two extremes

-1. Serving can be viewed as a work of the flesh and is a self righteous act that should be avoided in order to focus on one's personal walk

-2. When christians become saved they should immediately find out where they are needed for service. The primary focus of a christian should be serving. The most important thing a christian can do.

*So what does the word of God say about serving?*

*-Should we serve?*

*-How much should we serve?*

*-How important is it to serve?*

*-When should we serve?*

*-Where does serving Fit into my christian walk?*

# What does the Word of God say about serving?

## **Serving-** (2999) (1248) (1398) (3009) (3000)

(2999)- ministration of God (service)

(1248) attendant

Someone who does menial duties

Official service (teacher, pastor, deacon, minister, servant)

(1398) to be a slave (voluntary or involuntary) to be in bondage

(3009) to be a public a servant: to perform religious or charitable functions

-a priest

-ministration- ministry

(3000) a hired menial (not requiring much skill, lacking prestige)

-to minister to God (render religious homage)

-worship- worshiper

\*(**1247**) to attend to someone else's needs (a waiter, to serve food and drinks, etc.)

-Ministry- (teaching, preaching, song, ect.)

-To attend to someone else's interest

## **Servant-** (3816) (1401) (1249) (3610) (1402) (2324)

(3816) a boy or girl servant or slave (beat with impunity)

\*(**1401**) a slave (literally or figuratively) or (voluntary or involuntary)

(1249) attendant, waiter (menial duties) teacher and pastor (deacon/deaconess)

(3610) household servant

(1402) to enslave (literally or figuratively) bring into bondage, to make a servant

(2324) menial attendant

# Jesus became a Servant

Mark 10:45, Matt 20:28, Phil 2:6-7

Mark 10:45, Matt 20:28- Minister (1247)= minister can be used as a synonym for serving

- Jesus the son of God explains that he did not come to man to be served (ministered) which would have been completely acceptable and deserving given who he is and who we are. Instead says he came to man to serve.

## From God to man to servant

Phil 2:6-7

Jesus washes the apostles feet

John 13:1-17

Things to notice:

- He loved his disciples
- The humility of Jesus

Jesus taught us regardless of position or authority it is important to serve one another

-Gal 5:14

- John 13:35

## Jesus asks the question

-Luke 22:27

“For who is greater, he that sits at table, or he that serves? is not he that sits at table? but I am among you as he that serves.”

*Do we think of ourselves above menial tasks or in a place of service to fellow Christians? Do we graduate out of such a place (become to spiritual)?*

## **Paul a servant**

Rom 1:1- Servant (1401)

-same word used in Phil 2 that was used to describe Jesus

Phil 1:1- ,Titus 1:1- all use (1401)

*Paul did not think it beneath himself to serve*

- Col1:25

## **James a Servant**

James 1:1 (1401)

## **Peter a Servant**

2 Pet 1:1 (1401)

## **Jude a Servant**

Jude 1:1 (1401)

## **John a servant**

Rev 1:1 (1401)

*Why did these men choose to become willing servants?*

*What compelled these men?*

## **Attitude of a servant**

What does it mean to have an attitude of a servant?

Rom 12:1

“And so dear brothers and sisters, I plead with you to give your bodies to God because of all that he has done for you. Let them be a living and holy sacrifice—the kind he will find acceptable. This truly is the way to worship him.”

Beseech-

Give you bodies to God-

A yielded life is what Paul refers to here as “A Living Sacrifice”

God wants you “Life Song” to sing

Living (2198) -to be alive

- To enjoy life
- **\*Living water, having vital power in itself and exerting the same upon the soul John 7:38- (which speaks to the power of the holy spirit to yield life)** If we will but yield ourselves to the Holy Spirit and yield our tongue, we can be filled with the power of the Holy Spirit. And have this living water flowing from us
- To be full of vigour (fresh, strong, efficient, active, powerful)

Sacrifice- “The act of offering”

Holy (40)-

Acceptable (2101)-

## **Cain and Abel**

Gen 4: 1-5

Cain

Able

## **Worship**

“Which is your reasonable Service”

“This is truly the way to worship him”

What Jesus thought of the Pharisees (Religion)

Matt 23:1-36

We Serve not out of duty but LOVE

**Jer 29:11 READ**

## PART II

# Ministry

## What does serving look like in our christian walk?

- Working at a soup kitchen?
- Going on a mission?
- Being part of an christian organization?
- Serving the poor and needy?
- A church ministry?

We can boil serving down to 2 main components:

1. A yielded to life to God- We have covered in detail what yeilding looks like
2. A life of ministry- We will look at this next

## We are instruments

# The story of the loaves and the fishes

*\*The ability of Christ to perform in our inadequacies, and to abundantly meet the need*

We look at a miracle that serves as a type and shadow, allegory, or metaphor concerning:

- Yielding which leads to
- Serving (ministry)
- Being used as an instrument of righteousness

- Love for others
- compassion
- How it is Christ in us that produces the result

*Only miracle mentioned in all 4 gospel records*

**John 6:1-14, Matt 14:13-21, Mark 6:30-44, Luke 9:10-17**

John 6:1-14

Story

## **Compassion (Love)**

- The Prodigal Son



# **Jesus sufficient in our insufficiencies**

PUT YOUR LIFE IN THE HAND OF JESUS

**Thou art no more a servant?**

Gal 4:7

\*Is this a contradiction?

**Cumbered About Much Serving**

Luke 10:38-42

Cumbered(4049)- to be draged around, to be drawn away, to distract  
- To be over occupied, too busy about a thing

:42-

## **What serving looks like in the overcoming life**

Our example of this is found in Proverbs 31: 10-31

Her work is not out of duty but out of devotion to her husband

:13- “she worketh willingly with her hands”

:15- “Giveth meat to her household”

:15- “Giveth a portion of meat to her maidens”

:20- “She stretcheth her had out to the poor and needy”

:24- “She maketh fine linen and sells it”

:27- “She does not eat the bread of idleness”

## **No cookie cutter way to serve**