

“Good & Faithful Servant”

Matthew 25:23 “His Lord said to him, ‘Well done, good and faithful servant; you have been faithful over a few things, I will make you ruler over many things. Enter into the joy of your Lord.’”

Intro:

- According to this verse, the joy of the Lord is found in serving.
- The fact is His joy in your life occurs as you serve.
- This verse is a parable of entering Heaven after a life of service to the Lord.
- But it is also a revelation of discovering and experiencing the joy of the Lord.
- **“You have been faithful over a few things; I will make you ruler over many things. Enter into the joy of your Lord.”**
- Notice also, there is not only joy in serving, but there is there is great authority given to those who serve.
- **“I will make you ruler over many things.”**
- The child of God is not fully happy nor fully anointed with power without first learning to humbly serve.
- Are you being good and faithful in serving the Lord and others? Then you’ve discovered the joy and authority He offers.
- To be called a *servant of the Lord*, who is good and faithful is a high honor.
- Not all professing Christians can rightfully claim this honor.
- **Luke 22:25–26** “The kings of the Gentiles exercise lordship over them, and those in authority over them are called benefactors. But not so with you. Rather, let the greatest among you become as the youngest, and the leader as one who serves.”
- Being a servant of the Lord is adapting your life’s priorities to include the Lord’s heart, will, purpose, message, and all that is important to Him.
- To be a good and faithful servant assumes you know **how** you serve the Lord (attitude), **why** you serve Him (heart), **what** you do to serve Him (activity).
- It also includes **who** you serve and **where** you serve Him.
- None of us have the luxury of making up our own way of “serving Him”.
- You and I must look into the word of God to discover these things.

4 Foundational Stones Of A Servant Of The Lord:

1. A servant of the Lord seeks to glorify his Master.
2. A servant of the Lord sacrificially seeks the highest joy of those he serves.
3. A servant of the Lord is not preoccupied with personal visibility and recognition.
4. A servant leader anticipates and graciously accepts the time for his decrease,

Concluding Thought:

- Are you a Servant of the Lord?
- Do you want to be?
- Want to serve Him & experience more joy and authority in your life?
- Then join our ranks here. Become a friend, a member, a doer, a servant of the Lord!
- You will hear these words...
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Declaration:

- Heavenly Father, thank you for your invitation to serve you!
- Thank you that I can serve you and others with gladness and power.
- I receive your joy and your authority in serving you.
- I will not keep myself from serving you, your church, this community.
- Your blessing of joy will abide in me, and your power will flow through me!
- I will become a ruler over much when I become faithful in the little!
- In Jesus mighty Name I pray! Amen!