

Part 4

The Mindset of Servanthood

Philippians 2:5-8

5 In your relationships with one another, have the same mindset as Christ Jesus: 6 Who, being in very nature God, did not consider equality with God something to be grasped, 7 but made himself nothing, taking the very nature of a servant, being made in human likeness. 8 And being found in appearance as a man, he humbled himself and became obedient to death-- even death on a cross!

John 13:1-17

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 that he had come from 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.

6 He came to Simon Peter, who said to him, "Lord, are you going to wash my feet?"

7 Jesus replied, "You do not realize now what I am doing, but later you will understand."

8 "No," said Peter, "you shall never wash my feet." Jesus answered, "Unless I wash you, you have no part with me."

9 "Then, Lord," Simon Peter replied, "not just my feet but my hands and my head as well!"

10 Jesus answered, "A person who has had a bath needs only to wash his feet; his whole body is clean. And you are clean, though not every one of you." 11 For he knew who was going to betray him, and that was why he said not every one was clean.

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 also 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 sent him. 17 Now that you know these things, you will be blessed if you do them.

Message notes:

Christ never stopped being _____ with God.

_____ : The form and essence of a servant or slave.

Jesus came to be a _____, not to be served.

Humility and a mindset like Christ will be _____ in every marriage.

Jesus never _____ His privileges as God to solve His problems.

Jesus took a chosen path of _____ himself and picking up the role of the servant.

_____ the way that Jesus does.

It's a good thing to be _____.

God didn't come to put on a show, He came to serve _____.

Discussion Questions:

Why is it important to know that Christ never stopped being equal with God, even while He was on earth?

How would having a mindset like Christ impact your marriage?

If Jesus chose to empty Himself and become a servant, what does that mean for your own personal throne?

Why is growing in humility so important?

What are things that you can do to become more humble?

What needs to change in your life to have the mindset of Christ?

Ministry Time Questions:

Is anyone struggling to lay down their own pride to have the mindset of Christ?

Do you need prayer to show more humility to your spouse in your marriage?