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1 Peter 4:7(ESV)

But the end of all things is at hand; therefore be serious and watchful in your prayers. ⁸ And above all things have fervent love for one another, for "love will cover a multitude of sins." ⁹ Be hospitable to one another without grumbling. ¹⁰ As each one has received a gift, minister it to one another, as good stewards of the manifold grace of God. ¹¹ If anyone speaks, let him speak as the oracles of God. If anyone ministers, *let him do it* as with the ability which God supplies, that in all things God may be glorified through Jesus Christ, to whom belong the glory and the dominion forever and ever. Amen.

Proverbs 30:15-16 (ESV)

The leech has two daughters: Give and Give. Three things are never satisfied; four never say, "Enough": ¹⁶ Sheol, the barren womb, the land never satisfied with water, and the fire that never says, "Enough."

The hope that this world needs is in you.

36% of people engage in: serving the church, serving the community, or serving others in some capacity. 33% of the church have decided that all or part of their church attendance can happen online only. 1 Peter 4:10 (ESV) As each one has received a gift, minister it to one another, as good stewards of the manifold grace of God. Quincy needs a church that knows what the Kingdom of God is supposed to be like.

True fulfillment comes from serving the least.

Mark 9:35_(NKJV) And He sat down, called the twelve, and said to them, "If anyone desires to be first, he shall be last of all and servant of all." I think it's going to be hard to hear Jesus say, "Well done thou good and faithful servant" if you've never served.

Philippians 2:5-11(NKJV)

Let this mind be in you which was also in Christ Jesus, ⁶ who, being in the form of God, did not consider it robbery to be equal with God, ⁷ but made Himself of no reputation, taking the form of a bondservant, and coming in the likeness of men.⁸ And being found in appearance as a man, He humbled Himself and became obedient to the point of death, even the death of the cross. ⁹Therefore God also has highly exalted Him and given Him the name which is above every name, ¹⁰ that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of those in heaven, and of those on earth, and of those under the earth, ¹¹ and *that* every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

Jesus doesn't call his disciples friends until they were willing to embrace the role of a servant.

"Humility is the pathway to holiness."

"Humility is nothing but the disappearance of self in the vision that God is all."

- Andrew Murray

"If you want to do what everybody wants to do while everybody is looking, you've got to start by doing what nobody wants to do when nobody's looking."

- Unknown

The fastest way to promotion, is through the humility of serving others. When was the last time you served someone else and denied yourself in the process? The most important thing about your life:

Who are you going to serve?

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<u>Diakonos</u> One who serves; waiter; Deacon

<u>Doulos</u> Slave;

Doula=

- someone who provided women and their families with emotional, informational, and physical support during pregnancy, birth and the immediate postpartum period.
- One who gives herself up to another's will.

A servant is someone who gives up their will for someone else.

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