

February 5th 2023 - The Habit of Sacrificial Serving

Jesus is the greatest, most _____ servant, of all time.

Philippians 2:1-8, Therefore if you have any encouragement from being united with Christ, if any comfort from his love, if any common sharing in the Spirit, if any tenderness and compassion, then make my joy complete by being like-minded, having the same love, being one in spirit and of one mind. Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit. Rather, in humility value others above yourselves, not looking to your own interests but each of you to the interests of the others. In your relationships with one another, have the same mindset as Christ Jesus: Who, being in very nature God, did not consider equality with God something to be used to his own advantage; rather, he made himself nothing by taking the very nature of a servant, being made in human likeness. And being found in appearance as a man, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to death—even death on a cross!

Matthew 5:15-16. Neither do people light a lamp and put it under a bowl. Instead, they put it on its stand, and it gives light to everyone in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven.

I serve in the _____ of Jesus so that my service brings _____ to Jesus!

Psalms 115:1, Not to us, Lord, not to us but to your name be the glory...

Mark 10:45, Even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many.

_____ **People** _____ **People.**

Would the people closest to you say you're a servant to others? Why or why not?

Ephesians 2:10, For we are God's handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do.

Your _____ can help others _____ with Jesus.

Mark 2:1-12, A few days later, when Jesus again entered Capernaum, the people heard that he had come home. They gathered in such large numbers that there was no room left, not even outside the door, and he preached the word to them. Some men came, bringing to him a paralyzed man, carried by four of them. Since they could not get him to Jesus because of the crowd, they made an opening in the roof above Jesus by digging through it and then lowered the mat the man was lying on. When Jesus saw their faith, he said to the paralyzed man, "Son, your sins are forgiven." Now some teachers of the law were sitting there, thinking to themselves, "Why does this fellow talk like that? He's blaspheming! Who can forgive sins but God alone?" Immediately Jesus knew in his spirit that this was what they were thinking in their hearts, and he said to them, "Why are you thinking these things? 9 Which is easier: to say to this paralyzed man, 'Your sins are forgiven,' or to say, 'Get up, take your mat and walk'? But I want you to know that the Son of Man has authority on earth to forgive sins." So he said to the man, 11 "I tell you, get up, take your mat and go home." He got up, took his mat and walked out in full view of them all. This amazed everyone and they praised God, saying, "We have never seen anything like this!"

When is the last time you have served someone to such an extent that people praised God?

Saved People serve people so that _____ people will become _____ People.

Colossians 3:23, Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord, not for human masters,

Life Application

Make a commitment today to serve others MORE than you have in the past. And when others take notice, be sure to point them to Jesus.

I will _____.