



First – Part 4 – Others First
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Sitting down, Jesus called the Twelve and said, “Anyone who wants to be first must be the very last, and the servant of all.” – Mark 9:35

WHO IS A SERVANT?

✓ **Doulos: BONDSERVANT.**

Paul, a servant of Christ Jesus, called to be an apostle and set apart for the gospel of God. – Romans 1:1

Principle: LIFETIME COMMITMENT.

✓ **Diakonos: DEACON.**

Not so with you. Instead, whoever wants to become great among you must be your servant. – Matthew 20:26

Principle: FOCUSED ON THE NEEDS OF OTHERS.

✓ **Huperetes: UNDER-ROWER.**

Now get up and stand on your feet. I have appeared to you to appoint you as a servant and as a witness of what you have seen and will see of me. – Acts 26:16

Principle: MAGNIFY JESUS, NOT ME.

AN OTHERS FIRST LIFE

1) SERVICE over STATUS.

Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit. Rather, in humility value others above yourselves, **4** not looking to your own interests but each of you to the interests of the others.
– Philippians 2:3-4

2) CHARACTER over COMFORT.

“Which of these three do you think was a neighbor to the man who fell into the hands of robbers?” **37** The expert in the law replied, “The one who had mercy on him.” Jesus told him, “Go and do likewise.” – Luke 10:36-37

3) WORSHIP over WEALTH.

No one can serve two masters. For you will hate one and love the other; you will be devoted to one and despise the other. You cannot serve both God and money. – Matthew 6:24

4) WE over ME.

Let us think of ways to motivate one another to acts of love and good works. **25** And let us not neglect our meeting together, as some people do, but encourage one another, especially now that the day of his return is drawing near. – Hebrews 10:24-25

✓ **The Others First Commitment: I will embrace a SELFLESS life.**

But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well. – Matthew 6:33