

Jesus called them aside and said, “You know that the rulers of the Gentiles lord it over them, and their superiors exercise authority over them. It shall not be this way among you. Instead, whoever wants to become great among you must be your servant, and whoever wants to be first among you must be your slave— just as the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give His life as a ransom for many.”

Matthew 20:25-28 BSB

Serving Like Christ Starts When...

1. I am served by Christ.

Martha was distracted by the big dinner she was preparing. She came to Jesus and said, “Lord, doesn’t it seem unfair to you that my sister just sits here while I do all the work? Tell her to come and help me.” But the Lord said to her, “My dear Martha, you are worried and upset over all these details! There is only one thing worth being concerned about. Mary has discovered it, and it will not be taken away from her.”

Luke 10:40-42 NLT

He poured water into a basin. Then he began to wash the disciples’ feet, drying them with the towel he had around him... “No,” Peter protested, “you will never ever wash my feet!” Jesus replied, “Unless I wash you, you won’t belong to me.”

John 13:5,8 NLT

2. I respond with service.

I have given you an example, that you also should do just as I have done to you. Truly, truly, I say to you, a servant is not greater than his master...

John 13:15-16a ESV

I exhort you, brothers, through the compassions of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy to God, wellpleasing, which is your reasonable service.

Romans 12:1 BLB

Servants, be obedient to them that are your masters according to the flesh, with fear and trembling, in singleness of your heart, as unto Christ; Not with eyeservice, as menpleasers; but as the servants of Christ, doing the will of God from the heart; With good will doing service, as to the Lord, and not to men.

Ephesians 6:5-7 KJV

3. I serve from love.

“So now I am giving you a new commandment: Love each other. Just as I have loved you, you should love each other. Your love for one another will prove to the world that you are my disciples.”

John 13:34-35 NLT

For you have been called to live in freedom, my brothers and sisters. But don’t use your freedom to satisfy your sinful nature. Instead, use your freedom to serve one another in love. For the whole law can be summed up in this one command: “Love your neighbor as yourself.”

Galatians 5:13-14 NLT

Weekend Music:

You are Good (Bethel Music) • Build My Life (Housefires)
Yes and Amen (Jesus Culture)