

Foolproof Heart of a Servant

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John 13:1-17 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... Now that I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also should wash one another's feet. I have set you an example that **you should do as I have done for you**... Now that you know these things, you will be blessed if you do them...

3 Lessons we learn from Jesus:

- ✓ We need to make a _____ commitment.
- ✓ We need to _____ on the needs of others.
- ✓ We get _____ while we serve.

The Heart of a Servant

1. A Servant puts _____ over _____.

Proverbs 29:23 Pride ends in humiliation, while humility brings honor.

2. A Servant puts _____ over _____.

Proverbs 17:7 (GNT) Respected people do not tell lies.

Luke 10:30-37 Jesus answered by telling a story. "There was once a man traveling from Jerusalem to Jericho. On the way he was attacked by robbers. They took his clothes, beat him up, and went off leaving him half-dead. Luckily, a priest was on his way down the same road, but when he saw him he angled across to the other side. Then a Levite religious man showed up; he also avoided the injured man. A Samaritan traveling the road came on him. When he saw the man's condition, his heart went out to him.

He gave him first aid, disinfecting and bandaging his wounds. Then he lifted him onto his donkey, led him to an inn, and made him comfortable. In the morning he took out two silver coins and gave them to the innkeeper, saying, 'Take good care of him. If it costs any more, put it on my bill—I'll pay you on my way back.' What do you think? Which of the three became a neighbor to the man attacked by robbers?" "The one who treated him kindly," the religion scholar responded. Jesus said, "Go and do the same."

Proverbs 10:9 "The man of integrity walks securely."

3. A Servant puts _____ over _____.

Psalm 112:9 (Good News) "He who gives generously to the needy and shows kindness will be powerful and respected."

Proverbs 11:25 The generous will prosper; those who refresh others will themselves be refreshed

4. A Servant puts _____ over _____.

Proverbs 11:27 "If your goals are good, you will be respected."

Proverbs 10:7 "Good people will be remembered as a blessing but the wicked will soon be forgotten."

Matthew 20:28 For even the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve others and to give his life as a ransom for many.

Walk Away: A lifetime _____ to serve people's _____ in such a way that _____ Jesus, not me.

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