

# The Heart of a Servant!

## We are anointed to serve!

**Romans 12:3-6 (NKJV)** *For I say, through the grace given to me, to everyone who is among you, not to think of himself more highly than he ought to think, but to think soberly, as God has dealt to each one a measure of faith. For as we have many members in one body, but all the members do not have the same function, so we, being many, are one body in Christ, and individually members of one another. Having then gifts differing according to the grace that is given to us, let us use them:*

**John 13:14-17 (NKJV)** *If I then, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another's feet. For I have given you an example, that you should do as I have done to you. Most assuredly, I say to you, a servant is not greater than his master; nor is he who is sent greater than he who sent him. **If you know these things, blessed are you if you do them.***

### I. Blessed are you.

**James 1:25 (NKJV)** *But he who looks into the perfect law of liberty and continues in it, and is not a forgetful hearer but a doer of the work, this one will be blessed in what he does.*

**Luke 6:35 (NKJV)** *But love your enemies, do good, and lend, hoping for nothing in return; **and your reward will be great, and you will be sons of the Most High.***

**1 Peter 3:8-9 (NKJV)** *Finally, all of you be of one mind, having compassion for one another; love as brothers, be tenderhearted, be courteous; not returning evil for evil or reviling for reviling, but on the contrary blessing, knowing that you were called to this, **that you may inherit a blessing.***

**Proverbs 25:21-22 (NKJV)** *If your enemy is hungry, give him bread to eat; And if he is thirsty, give him water to drink; For so you will heap coals of fire on his head, **And the LORD will reward you.***

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What will keep you from these blessings?

### II. Serving your enemy

**Matthew 5:43-45 (NKJV)** *"You have heard that it was said, 'You shall love your neighbor and hate your enemy.' But I say to you, **love your enemies, bless those who curse you, do good to those who hate you, and pray for those who spitefully use you and persecute you, that you may be sons of your Father in heaven;***

**Matthew 5:45-46 (NLT)** *For he gives his sunlight to both the evil and the good, and he sends rain on the just and the unjust alike. **If you love only those who love you, what reward is there for that?***

**John 13:10-11 (NKJV)** *Jesus said to him, "He who is bathed needs only to wash his feet, but is completely clean; and you are clean, but not all of you." For He knew who would betray Him; therefore He said, "You are not all clean."*

Jesus washed Judas' feet!

**Luke 6:27-28 (NKJV)** *"But I say to you who hear: **Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you, and pray for those who spitefully use you.***

**Romans 12:14-15 (NKJV)** *Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse. Rejoice with those who rejoice, and weep with those who weep.*

### III. We are gifted to serve one another.

**Romans 12:3 (NKJV)** *For I say, through the grace given to me, to everyone who is among you, not to think of himself more highly than he ought to think, but to think soberly, as God has dealt to each one a measure of faith. **Verse 12:6 (NKJV)** Having then gifts differing according to the grace that is given to us, **let us use them:***

**1 Corinthians 12:7 (NKJV)** *But the manifestation of the Spirit is given to each one **for the profit of all:***

**Ephesians 4:11-12 (NKJV)** *And He Himself gave some to be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, and some pastors and teachers, for the equipping of the saints for the work of ministry, **for the edifying of the body of Christ,***

**John 10:10 (NKJV)** *The thief does not come except to steal, and to kill, and to destroy. I have come that they may have life, and that they may have it more abundantly.*

**1 Corinthians 15:10 (NKJV)** *But by the **grace** of God I am what I am, and **His grace** toward me was not in vain; but I labored more abundantly than they all, yet not I, **but the grace of God** which was with me.*