

HEALTHY CHURCH FUNDAMENTALS (Part 2)

Serve One Another – Luke 22:24-27

(Matthew 23:11-12) But he who is greatest among you shall be your servant. And whoever exalts himself will be humbled, and he who humbles himself will be exalted.

“Greatness” is accomplished through the edification of others.

(Ephesians 4:14-16) “...that we should no longer be children, tossed to and fro and carried about with every wind of doctrine, by the trickery of men, in the cunning craftiness of deceitful plotting, but, speaking the truth in love, may grow up in all things into Him who is the head — Christ — from whom the whole body, joined and knit together by what every joint supplies, according to the effective working by which every part does its share, causes growth of the body for the edifying of itself in love.

The “corporate” and “consumer” mentality, of the church is not biblical.

We are *all* uniquely “gifted” (equipped), *by God*, to “minister,” *one to another*.

(1 Peter 4:10) As each one has received a gift, minister it to one another, as good stewards of the manifold grace of God.

In the absence of servitude, “disputes” begin to arise!

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dispute: *philonikia* – love of strife, eagerness to contend; (Nike – victory).

(Titus 3:9-11) But avoid foolish disputes, genealogies, contentions, and strivings about the law; for they are unprofitable and useless. Reject a divisive man after the first and second admonition, knowing that such a person is warped and sinning, being self-condemned.

Scripture teaches us the way “up,” *in the Kingdom of God*, is “down!”

(Proverbs 15:33) The fear of the Lord is the instruction of wisdom, And before honor is humility.

The proud person seeks not to serve, *in humility*, but to be served!

Jesus asked this question. “Who is the greatest? The one sitting at the table or the one serving?”

Servant – *diakonos* – one who executes the commands of another (a Master); attendant, minister, a waiter.

John 13:12-17 -Jesus washed the disciple’s feet, as a “servant,” (slave).

(Mark 10:45) “For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give His life a ransom for many.”

Many believers say they want to be “like” Jesus, but few want to “serve” like Jesus!

Humility – is “key” to “serving one another.”

Philippians 2:1-9 Mind of a servant.

CONCLUSION:

Cannot give what we have not received.

Jesus knows where our feet have been. Let Him wash your feet that you might serve others.

(1 John 2:1-2) My little children, these things I write to you, so that you may not sin. And if anyone sins, we have an Advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous. 2 And He Himself is the propitiation for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the whole world.

“Four” ways to start serving others:

- 1) Find a need and fill it.**
- 2) Gravitare toward what’s natural.**
- 3) Start small.**
- 4) Do something!**

Song - “*Make me a servant, humble and meek, Lord let me lift up those who are weak – and may the prayer of my heart always be – Make me a servant (3x) Today!*”