

Keys of The Kingdom

Part 7

(Galatians 5:13, 14 AMP. For you, brethren, were [indeed] called to freedom; only [do not let your] freedom be an incentive to your flesh and an opportunity or excuse [for selfishness], but through love you should serve one another. For the whole Law [concerning human relationships] is complied with in the one precept, You shall love your neighbor as [you do] yourself. [Lev. 19:18.]

Phil 2:5-7 ESV. Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, but emptied himself, by taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men.

Romans 12:11 AMP. Never lag in zeal and in earnest endeavor; be aglow and burning with the Spirit, serving the Lord.

Developing the Heart of a Servant

1) follow me.....

John 12:23-26. But Jesus answered them, saying, “The hour has come that the Son of Man should be glorified. Most assuredly, I say to you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the ground and dies, it remains alone; but if it dies, it produces much grain. He who loves his life will lose it, and he who hates his life in this world will keep it for eternal life. If anyone serves Me, let him follow Me; and where I am, there My servant will be also. If anyone serves Me, him My Father will honor. (John 12:23-26 NKJV)

What you have done unto the least of my brothers you have done it unto me.....

2) true serving is NEVER about you.....

Mark 10:43-44. Yet it shall not be so among you; but whoever desires to become great among you shall be your servant. And whoever of you desires to be first shall be slave of all. (Mark 10:43-44 NKJV)

Grandma- her joy was in seeing others blessed and cared for....

3) True servants find their reward in fulfilling the needs of somebody else

4) true serving will cost you

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.” (Mark 10:45 NKJV)

5) true Serving is without grumbling.

1Pet 4:9-11. ESV. Show hospitality to one another without grumbling. As each has received a gift, use it to serve one another, as good stewards of God’s varied grace: whoever speaks, as one who speaks oracles of God; whoever serves, as one who serves by the strength that God supplies—in order that in everything God may be glorified through Jesus Christ. To him belong glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen. (1 Peter 4:9-11 ESV)

complaint, a whispering, grumbling talk in private

6) true serving will keep your fire burning

Rom 12:11AMP. Never lag in zeal and in earnest endeavor; be aglow and burning with the Spirit, serving the Lord. (Romans 12:11 AMP)

Hebrews 6:10-12 ESV. For God is not unjust so as to overlook your work and the love that you have shown for his name in serving the saints, as you still do. And we desire each one of you to show the same earnestness to have the full assurance of hope

until the end, so that you may not be sluggish, but imitators of those who through faith and patience inherit the promises.

(Hebrews 6:10-12 ESV)

Hebrew 6:11-12 NLT. Our great desire is that you will keep on loving others as long as life lasts, in order to make certain that what you hope for will come true. Then you will not become spiritually dull and indifferent. Instead, you will follow the example of those who are going to inherit God's promises because of their faith and endurance. (Hebrews 6:11, 12 NLT)

7) true serving will destroy spiritual inactivity.

When you spend all your time in the pursuit of this natural life you are spiritually inactive....

8) Servants put another's vision above theirs

9) true servants won't get easily offended

17 Then He said to the disciples, a“It is impossible that no offenses should come, but bwoe to him through whom they do come! 2 It would be better for him if a millstone were hung around his neck, and he were thrown into the sea, than that he should 2offend one of these little ones. 3 Take heed to yourselves. cIf your brother sins 3against you, drebuke him; and if he repents, forgive him. 4 And if he sins against you seven times in a day, and seven times in a day returns to you, saying, ‘I repent,’ you shall forgive him.”

And the apostles said to the Lord, “Increase our faith.”

So the Lord said, “If you have faith as a mustard seed, you can say to this mulberry tree, ‘Be pulled up by the roots and be planted in the sea,’ and it would obey you. 7 And which of you, having a servant plowing or tending sheep, will say to him when he has come in from the field, ‘Come at once and sit down to eat’? 8 But will he not rather say to him, ‘Prepare something for my supper, and gird yourself and serve me till I have eaten and drunk, and afterward you will eat and drink’? 9 Does he thank that servant because he did the things that were commanded him? I think not. 10 So likewise you, when you have done all those things which you are commanded, say, ‘We are unprofitable servants. We have done what was our duty to do.’”

No sense of entitlement.

Servant or hireling

1) it's all about others. - It's about what you get out of it