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The Eyes of a Servant

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Acts 13:36

...David served the purposes of God...

Luke 22:24

A dispute arose among them as to which of them was considered to be the greatest.

John 13:1-15

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. The evening meal was being served, and the devil had already prompted Judas Iscariot, son of Simon, to betray Jesus. Jesus knew that the Father had put all things under his power, and that he had come from God and was returning to God;

so he got up from the meal, took off his outer clothing, and wrapped a towel around his waist. After that, he poured water into a basin and began to wash his disciples' feet, drying them with the towel that was wrapped around him. He came to Simon Peter, who said to him, "Lord, are you going to wash my feet?" Jesus replied, "You do not realize now what I am doing, but later you will understand." "No," said Peter, "you shall never wash my feet." Jesus answered, "Unless I wash you, you have no part with me."

"Then, Lord," Simon Peter replied, "not just my feet but my hands and my head as well!" Jesus answered, "A person who has had a bath needs only to wash his feet; his whole body is clean. And you are clean, though not every one of you." For he knew who was going to betray him, and that was why he said not everyone was clean. When he had finished washing their feet, he put on his clothes and returned to his place. "Do you understand what I have done for you?" he asked them.

"You call me 'Teacher' and 'Lord,' and rightly so, for that is what I am. 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.

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Isaiah 66:2b

This is the one that I esteem...he that is humble...

3 John 9

...Diotrophes, who likes to put himself first...

Luke 17:9-10

And the servant is not even thanked, because he is merely doing what he is supposed to do. In the same way, when you obey me you should say, "We are not worthy of praise. We are servants who have simply done our duty."

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- Your criteria is not about what is fulfilling but what is needed.

How do we see others?

Jesus saw a need and responded.

When a **need** is presented, does it **move** our **heart**,
our **head**, our **hands**?

J. I. Packer



“Throughout the New Testament, we are described as slaves of Christ. Being a slave means we belong to our master, always ready to obey. Christian service is living in this slave-like devotion to our Savior. What does our Master ask of us? To serve Him by serving our fellow servants, even if it's costly, difficult, or undignified, just like He did by washing His disciples' feet in love. Ministry isn't just preaching; it's helping practically. Christian service is loyalty to the king expressing itself in care for his servants. It's only through the Holy Spirit that we can love our Savior deeply and extend that love through compassionate actions towards others.”

—J. I. Packer (on Christian Service, paraphrased)

“I want to see my brother
as Christ sees him and be
Christ to him.
I want to see in my brother
the face of Christ and serve
him as I’d serve Christ.”

—**Dietrich Bonhoeffer**



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