



Gospel Of John Series – 82
BECOMING PEOPLE OF THE TOWEL
“Learning to Serve from the Savior”
John 13:1-17

INTRODUCTION & REVIEW

True greatness in God’s kingdom is measured by humble service.

3 Key Words In John 13

“world” -kosmos -185x in the NT; 8x in Matt; 3x in Mk, 3x in Lk; 105x by John

“hour” – hora

“loved” - agapaō

FOOT WASHING IN THE BIBLE

Gen 18:4; 24:32; 43:24; Ex 30:18-19; 40:30-31; Judges 19:21; 2 Sam 11:8; SS 5:3; Lk 7:38-44; 1 Tim 5:10 - in addition to John 13.

HISTORICAL BACKGROUND OF FOOT WASHING

Remember...

Your responsibility, by God’s enabling, is to constantly apply the divine principles and truths you have heard (Phil. 2:12-13; 1 Tim. 4:7-9; Jam 1:22-27).

As you meditate on this message, ask yourself these questions:

How does God want my beliefs/actions to change?

How can I accomplish this change?

What is the first step toward bringing about this change?

5 POSSIBLE MOTIVES BEHIND OUR LORD'S ACT OF WASHING THE DISCIPLES' FEET – vv. 1-5

- To **ENCOURAGE** His disciples – v. 1
- To **EXPRESS** His love – v. 1
- To **EXPLAIN** the betrayal of Judas – v. 2
- To **EMPHASIZE** His incarnation and mission – v. 3 (Phil 2:5-8)
- To **EXHORT** His disciples to be servants by His own example – vv. 4-5

Interesting Observation:

John 12 - feet of Jesus are anointed

John 13 - feet of disciples are washed

Four facts about foot washing:

1. Foot washing was considered an ordinary sign of common courtesy.
2. Foot washing by definition is dirty, smelly and humiliating.
3. Foot washing meets a very real need for continued cleansing.
4. Foot washing is necessary because you never run out of dirty feet.