



Living the Good Life

Part 8

A Bible Study Series on the Gospel of John

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Luke 22:24 And there was also a strife among them, which of them should be accounted the greatest.

WHY ANYONE CAN BE A SERVANT

1. Real servants simply make themselves _____ to serve.

2 Timothy 2:4 (NAS) No soldier in active service entangles himself in the affairs of everyday life, so that he may please the one who enlisted him as a soldier.

2. Real servants simply pay attention to _____.

Galatians 6:10 (GWT) Whenever we have the opportunity, we have to do what is good for everyone, especially for the family of believers.

3. Real servants simply do each task with equal _____.

Colossians 3:23 (NLT) Work hard and cheerfully at whatever you do, as though you were working for the Lord rather than for people.

THE MINDSET OF A SERVANT

1. Servants think more about _____ than about themselves.

Philippians 2:4b (MSG) Forget yourselves long enough to lend a helping hand.

Philippians 2:5-8 Let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus: Who, being in the form of God, thought it not robbery to be equal with God: But made himself of no reputation, and took upon him the form of a servant, and was made in the likeness of men: And being found in fashion as a man, he humbled himself, and became obedient unto death, even the death of the cross.

Philippians 2:7a (GWT) He emptied himself by taking on the form of a servant.

I can measure my servant's heart by how I respond when others _____.

Matthew 5:41 (MSG) And if someone takes unfair advantage of you, use the occasion to practice the servant life.

2. Servants think about their _____, not about what others are doing.

Competition between God's servants is illogical for many reasons:

- We're all on the same team
- Our goal is to make God look good, not ourselves
- We've all been given unique assignments

Galatians 5:26 (MSG) We will not compare ourselves with each other as if one of us were better and another worse. We have far more interesting things to do with our lives. Each of us is an original.

Real servants don't complain of _____!

Romans 14:4a (GWT) Who are you to criticize someone else's servant? The Lord will determine whether his servant has been successful.

Romans 14:4 (MSG) Do you have any business crossing people off the guest list or interfering with God's welcome? If there are corrections to be made or manners to be learned, God can handle that without your help.

3. Servants base their _____ in Jesus Christ.

John 13:3-5 Jesus knowing that the Father had given all things into his hands, and that he was come from God, and went to God; He riseth from supper, and laid aside his garments; and took a towel, and girded himself. After that he poureth water into a bason, and began to wash the disciples' feet, and to wipe them with the towel wherewith he was girded.

The more _____ you are, the more you will want people to serve you.



John's eighth snapshot of the Spirit-filled man:

He is _____ enough to serve.

John 13:14-15 If I then, your Lord and Master, have washed your feet; ye also ought to wash one another's feet. For I have given you an example, that ye should do as I have done to you.

2 Corinthians 4:5 For we preach not ourselves, but Christ Jesus the Lord; and ourselves your servants for Jesus' sake.

John 13:35 (MSG) This is how everyone will recognize that you are my disciples—when they see the love you have for each other.

Revelation 22:3 And there shall be no more curse: but the throne of God and of the Lamb shall be in it; and his servants shall serve him: