

SERVANTHOOD

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INTRODUCTION:

We've discussed priorities, the fear of God and humility. Today, our subject is servanthood. Why? It's: God's will for every believer, how God's work is accomplished, essential to spiritual growth, the reason for spiritual gifts and preparation for eternity **REVELATION 22:3**.

EXODUS 8:1 – God saved His people to serve Him, not Satan, sin or self. **HEBREWS 9:13-14** – The Blood is our motivation.

JOSHUA 24:14-15 – It's a matter of the will. **MATTHEW 6:24** – We can't serve two masters. **JOHN 12:26** – God honors servants.

DEUTERONOMY 28:47-48 – There are consequences.

OUR EXAMPLE – PHILIPPIANS 2:5-8

1. The Mind of Christ revealed.
 - A. He went from being in the form of God to taking on the form of a servant, by becoming a man and being obedient unto death.
2. He was rewarded for his service. **PHILIPPIANS 2:9-11**

RENEWING OUR MIND

1. We've been saved to serve. **ROMANS 6:16-18**
2. We must yield. **ROMANS 6:19-23**

THE EXTENT OF OUR SERVICE

1. To God. **1 CORINTHIANS 7:22**
2. To one another. **GALATIANS 5:13**
3. To everyone. **1 CORINTHIANS 9:19**

CHARACTERISTICS OF A SERVANT

1. Faithful. **MATTHEW 25:23**
2. Obedient.
3. Humble.
4. Willing to sacrifice – Time, effort, money, comfort, abilities.
5. Joyful. No one is drawn to a complainer.
6. Compassionate. **MATTHEW 14:14**
7. Meekness. **GALATIANS 6:1**

EQUIPPED AND EXPECTED TO SERVE

1. **1 PETER 4:10** – Everyone is gifted.
2. **EPHESIANS 4:16** – We all have a place.

WAYS TO SERVE

1. **ROMANS 12:4-8** – Seven motivational gifts are mentioned.
 - A. Prophesying, ministering, teaching, exhorting, giving, administrating, showing mercy.
2. **EPHESIANS 4:11** – The Five-Fold Ministry.
3. Usher, pray, card ministry, music, children, youth, homeless...

EXCUSES

1. Don't have time. Priorities.
2. Don't know what to do. Whatever your hand finds to do.
3. I'm not needed. The head can't say that to the foot.
4. I have no skills. God equips whom He calls.

THE GREATEST – MATTHEW 23:11

CONCLUSION: JOHN 13:13-17

God used men and women with similar excuses to change the course of history. Moses, who stuttered; David, the youngest and least likely among his brothers; Isaiah, a man of unclean lips; Saul, who was against Christianity.