

Servanthood

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(2 Timothy 3:1) But know this, that in the last days perilous times will come:

(2 Timothy 3:2) For men will be lovers of themselves, lovers of money, boasters, proud, blasphemers, disobedient to parents, unthankful, unholy,

The situation for how life is today – perilous times – people who love themselves only.

Perilous times are talking about the flawed character. A time when people character are lovers of themselves.

One bad character will cost others to rot too. Your flawed character will attack others too.

If you have a flawed character, you will start growing dimmer and darker.

(Mark 10:43) Yet it shall not be so among you; but whoever desires to become great among you shall be your servant.

(Mark 10:44) And whoever of you desires to be first shall be slave of all.

(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."

Out of a servanthood heart, you will love and serve. Servanthood is about how you will direct that love.

Four Directions of Servanthood

1. Serve God

(Hebrews 12:28) Therefore, since we are receiving a kingdom which cannot be shaken, let us have grace, by which we may serve God acceptably with reverence and godly fear.

Serving God is doing His will, not your will.

Freedom is not what you do out of what you think. But freedom should be placed in the hands of the one who first gave us.

Free will of God is how God will look at you and see what you will do.

The truth is that free will is what you give to God. Remember it was God who first gave you the free will when Jesus died for you.

2. Serve your leaders

There is always someone you will be called to serve.

If you want to see the rewards in your life and be called faithful, serve the people covering over your life. You will be extremely blessed.

3. Serve each other

(Galatians 5:13) For you, brethren, have been called to liberty; only do not use liberty as an opportunity for the flesh, but through love serve one another.

The freedom that you have from God is an opportunity for you to love and serve one another. Therefore do not use opportunity for your own thoughts. Use it to serve God and one another.

4. You serve all

First three were all groups of people. This point is an attitude of yourself.

All you must serve! Because serving is talking about meaningfulness. It should be in your life and believe and who you are.

(Romans 1:1) Paul, a bondservant of Jesus Christ, called to be an apostle, separated to the gospel of God

(James 1:1) James, a bondservant of God and of the Lord Jesus Christ, To the twelve tribes which are scattered abroad: Greetings.

(2 Peter 1:1) Simon Peter, a bondservant and apostle of Jesus Christ, To those who have obtained like precious faith with us by the righteousness of our God and Savior Jesus Christ:

(Jude 1:1) Jude, a bondservant of Jesus Christ, and brother of James, To those who are called, sanctified by God the Father, and preserved in Jesus Christ:

All of them are bondservant of Jesus Christ. That should be your primary call too.

(1 Peter 2:16) as free, yet not using liberty as a cloak for vice, but as bondservants of God.

Who will be the next greatest servant to God?

(1 Peter 2:15) For this is the will of God, that by doing good **you** may put to silence the ignorance of foolish men—

YOU! Jesus life became your introduction in 1 Peter 2:15, calling you servant. Of so many names, Jesus never forgotten you.

Conclusion...

Remove selfishness and self-centeredness from your life, then you will start growing to be a servant to God, your leaders and everyone around you.

Because of you, being a bondservant of Jesus Christ, the world will change.

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