



7 MARKS of a DISCIPLE

DEVELOPING A SERVANT'S HEART

MATTHEW 20:25-27

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Introduction: If you were going to use one word to describe Jesus, what would it be? Today we are going to discover Jesus' favorite description of Himself which reflects the attitude He desires in all who choose to be His disciples.

I. **Servanthood: Its Priority In The Life Of Christ** (Mark 10:45; Matthew 20:25-27; Matthew 23:11-12)

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."

Matthew 20:25-27 ²⁵ "But Jesus called them to Himself, and said, 'You know that the rulers of the Gentiles lord it over them, and their great men exercise authority over them. ²⁶ It is not so among you, but whoever wishes to become great among you shall be your servant, ²⁷ and whoever wishes to be first among you shall be your slave,'"

Matthew 23:11-12 ¹¹ "But the greatest among you shall be your servant. ¹² And whoever exalts himself shall be humbled; and whoever humbles himself shall be exalted."

Matthew 25:37, 40 ³⁷ "Then the righteous will answer Him, saying, 'Lord, when did we see You hungry, and feed You, or thirsty, and give You drink?' ⁴⁰ And the King will answer and say to them, 'Truly I say to you, to the extent that you did it to one of these brothers of Mine, even the least of them, you did it to Me.'"

II. **Servanthood: Its Meaning** (Mark 10:45)

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III. **Servanthood: An Illustration** (Philippians 2:3-11)

Philippians 2:3-4 ³ “Do nothing from selfishness or empty conceit, but with humility of mind let each of you regard one another as more important than himself; ⁴ do not merely look out for your own personal interests, but also for the interests of others.”

Philippians 2:5 “Have this attitude in yourselves which was also in Christ Jesus.”

A. **Humility** (Romans 12:3; Matthew 26:53; Philippians 2:5-6)

Romans 12:3 “For through the grace given to me I say to every man among you not to think more highly of himself than he ought to think; but to think so as to have sound judgment, as God has allotted to each a measure of faith.”

Matthew 26:53 “Or do you think that I cannot appeal to My Father, and He will at once put at My disposal more than twelve legions of angels?”

Philippians 2:5-6 ⁵ “Have this attitude in yourselves which was also in Christ Jesus, ⁶ who, although He existed in the form of God, did not regard equality with God a thing to be grasped,”

B. **Sacrifice** (Philippians 2:6-8)

Philippians 2:6-8 ⁶ “who, although He existed in the form of God, did not regard equality with God a thing to be grasped, ⁷ but emptied Himself, taking the form of a bond-servant, and being made in the likeness of men. ⁸ And being found in appearance as a man, He humbled Himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross.”



C. Faith (Hebrews 12:2; Philippians 2:8-11; Mark 10:43-44)

Hebrews 12:2 “...who for the joy set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame, and has sat down at the right hand of the throne of God.”

Hebrews 11:6 “And without faith it is impossible to please Him, for he who comes to God must believe that He is, and that He is a rewarder of those who seek Him.”

Philippians 2:8-11 ⁸ “And being found in appearance as a man, He humbled Himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. ⁹ Therefore also God highly exalted Him, and bestowed on Him the name which is above every name, ¹⁰ that at the name of Jesus EVERY KNEE SHOULD BOW, of those who are in heaven, and on earth, and under the earth, ¹¹ and that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.”

Mark 10:43-44 ⁴³ “...whoever wishes to become great among you shall be your servant; ⁴⁴ and whoever wishes to be first among you shall be slave of all.”

IV. Final Thoughts About A Servant's Heart

A. About Humility

1 Corinthians 4:7 “For who regards you as superior? And what do you have that you did not receive? But if you did receive it, why do you boast as if you had not received it?”

B. About Sacrifice

C. About Faith