

Being A Servant

- **“Am I a servant?”**
 - Simply put: being a Christian = serve God in ALL things! – The Gauntlet has been laid down!
 - Who was worthy to take the scroll? (Revelation 5:2/12)
 - Christ Jesus....made himself of no reputation...taking the form of a bondservant (Philippians 2:5,6,7)
 - The attitude of one whose hope is in God – “I’ll serve!” (Isaiah 6:8)
 - an unprofitable servant (Luke 17:10)
 - The wrong kind of servant
 - With experience (*should*) come: *Wisdom – humility – respect*
 - should realize this (but sometimes the wrong way)
 - Equal to more letters behind name (the more you don’t know!)
 - Christ’s Law changes us - The more I grow in Christ, the less I am! (Matthew 22:36-40)
 - That’s not us - God resists the proud, but gives grace to the humble (James 4:6) – the life of a servant be ours!
 - Teach us to number our days (Psalm 90:12)
 - ...have compassion on Your servants (Psalm 90:13)
 - let the beauty of the LORD our God be upon us - establish the work of our hands for us. (Psalm 90:14)
 - We only have one life to get this right!
- **If so, How can I be more of a servant?**
 - Choose a life of a servant (Luke 14:1-35)
 - Healing on the Sabbath (1-6)
 - Parable of the invited guest to a meal (7-11)
 - Parable of having the meal (12-14)
 - Parable of the great feast (15-24)
 - Parable of the cost of being a disciple (25-35)
 - Which should be the greatest? (Luke 22:24-27)
 - Many first shall be last (Matthew 19:30, 20:16)
 - Whoever desires to be great among you, let him be your servant (Matthew 20:26)
 - "If anyone desires to be first, he shall be last of all and servant of all." (Mark 9:35)
 - And **a servant** of the Lord must not quarrel but be gentle **to all**..... (2Timothy 2:24)
 - In the “*Grand Scheme*” of things, we are here for this purpose – to serve in all things!
 - The wise and the wicked, lazy servant (Matthew 24:45-50 / Luke 12:43-47)
 - be like-minded, others interests (Philippians 2:1-30)
- **Make me a servant!**
 - God already has, for those in Christ! - A disciple is not above his Teacher (Matthew 10:24)
 - Difficult times – on the night of His betrayal (John 13:1-17)
 - A Christ-like servant will put others’ souls a top priority: (Ephesians 5:15,16,17)
 - No pleasure in the death of one who dies (Ezekiel 18:32)
 - As a friend – a friend loves at all times (Proverbs 17:17 / Ephesians 5:21)
 - As a spouse – (healthy component to marriage – “*let me serve you, my spouse*” (Ephesians 5:22-33)
 - As a child – (Ephesians 6:1-3)
 - As a worker and a boss – (Ephesians 6:5-9)
 - Elders, deacons, laborers: Highest positions in the Lord’s church (elders, deacons) are positioned to serve
 - Moses indeed was faithful **in all His house as a servant**..... (Hebrews 3:5)
 - David – a heart after God – the Lord’s anointed (1 Samuel 24,26)
 - Ebed Melech: - saved Jeremiah (Jeremiah 38-39)
 - John the Baptist (John 3:30)
 - Timothy/ Epaphras (Philippians 2:20;25)
 - Jonah/ Job/ David
 - He will make you a servant! The mind of a servant:
 - makes it easier to suffer wrong. (Matthew 5:12)
 - keeps us humble and willing to correct ourselves to be that servant (Psalm 141:5)
 - keeps us a servant to our enemies (Matthew 5:46/Luke 6:32)
 - Otherwise than the mind of a servant of God in all things is too high-minded.
 - If any man **follows** after me, let him take up his cross **daily** and follow after me (Luke 9:23) – so powerful!