

“Saved To Serve”

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Introduction

1. We have many great blessing as Christians! We have been born again to walk in newness of life, we belong to the Lord, we are set apart to live holy lives, etc.
2. But with blessings come responsibilities! One is that we have been called to serve God (Hebrews 9:14; 12:28; Romans 12:1). Thus servitude or servanthood is an important part of what it means to be a Christian...

I. The Greatness Of Servanthood

- a. Being a servant of God is a great honor!
 - i. Old Testament examples - Deut 9:27; 1 Ki 8:53; Josh 24:29; Num 14:24; Job 1:8; Isa 20:3; Jer 7:25
 - ii. New Testament examples – Jm 1:1; Ro 1:1; Php 1:1; 2 Pe 1:1; Jude 1; Re 1:1
- b. Jesus came to serve!
 - i. Called the “Suffering Servant” – Isa 52:12-53:12; Came to serve not be served – Mt 20:28
 - ii. Jesus desired this for all His disciples – Jn 13:12-17

II. The Concepts Of Servanthood

- a. It involves **Absolute Obedience**
 - i. 1 Cor 6:19-20; Mt 7:21; Lk 6:46
- b. It involves **Absolute Humility**
 - i. 1 Co 15:9-10; Ep 3:8; 1 Ti 1:15; Lk 17:10
- c. It involves **Absolute Loyalty**
 - i. Ga 1:10

III. Hindrances To Servanthood

- a. Service to the wrong master...
 - i. Mt 6:24; Lk 8:14; Ro 6:16-18
- b. Placing limitations on our service...
 - i. As Moses tried to do – Ex 3:10-11
 - ii. As did Jonah – Jon 1:1-3
- c. Possessing certain attitudes...
 - i. Sluggishness & Laziness – He 6:11-12; Mt 25:26
 - ii. Ingratitude – 2 Co 8:9; Php 2:5-7
 - iii. Pride or Self-centeredness – 1 Ki 19:13-18; Php 1:15-18; Ac 20:19; Php 2:3-4

Conclusion

1. The Christian has been “Saved To Serve”. Called to serve God and the Lord Jesus Christ. We are also called to serve one another. It is a choice that will lead to “eternal life.” – Ro 6:22