



IMPROVING YOUR SERVE

In this lesson you will learn that being a servant requires an all-out surrender. If you are a servant by choice you will find the reason for your existence.

- I. Jesus talked about being a servant – Matthew 20:25-28.
 - A. Our culture is based on a “serve me” mentality but that goes against what Jesus said in these verses.
 - B. Verse 26 – “Whoever desires to become great among you, let him be your servant.”
 - C. Verse 28 – “Just as the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give His life a ransom for many.”

- II. Saved by grace but serve by choice.
 - A. Ephesians 2:8-9 – “For by grace you have been saved through faith...” v.8.
 - B. John 15:14-15 – “You are My friends if you do whatever I command you” v.14. We are to submit to God’s control.

- III. Be a bondservant.
 - A. A bondservant is someone who had been a slave, then set free and by choice commits to serve the Master.
 - B. Romans 1:1 – “Paul, a bondservant of Jesus Christ, called to be an apostle.”
 - C. James 1:1 – “James, a bondservant of God and of the Lord Jesus Christ.”
 - D. 2 Peter 1:1 – “Simon Peter, a bondservant and apostle of Jesus Christ.”
 - E. Jude 1:1 – “Jude, a bondservant of Jesus Christ.”
 - F. Revelation 1:1 – “The Revelation of Jesus Christ, which God gave Him to show His servants – things which must shortly take place.”

- IV. What does it mean to be a servant of the Lord?
 - A. Walk away from illegal deals.
 - B. Take a job that God tells you to take.
 - C. Give an opportunity to your co-workers to receive Jesus – share your faith boldly.
 - D. Walk out of a movie that challenges your faith – don’t compromise for entertainment sake.
 - E. Read the Bible because of your relationship with Jesus – you want to learn His ways.
 - F. Work to the best of your ability – be a standard that makes a difference.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

- Is serving important to you and how often do you think about serving?
- How are you working on improving your serve and doing it with gladness (Psalm 100:2)?
- Where and how are you presently serving?

BE A DOER OF THE WORD

Meditate on this thought, *If everyone in my church was just like me, what kind of church would this church be?*

SCRIPTURE MEMORY VERSE: Matthew 20:28 – “Just as the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give His life a ransom for many.”