

It's Your Serve

A Series On Servanthood

Part 2 – the Attitude of a Servant

"Turtle on a Fence Post"



"Every time I write something significant, every time I read my words...and begin to feel proud of myself, I look at the turtle on top of the fence post and remember that he didn't get there on his own. He _____."



You were saved to _____ God.
You serve God by _____ others.



Another word for service to others is _____.

Ephesians 6:7-8 - Serve wholeheartedly, as if you were serving the Lord, not men, 8 because you know that the Lord will reward everyone for whatever good he does, whether he is slave or free (great or small in the eyes of the world).

Colossians 3:23-24 - Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord, not for men, 24 since you know that you will receive an inheritance from the Lord as a reward. It is the Lord Christ you are serving.

Two Worthy Motives

1. _____ for God reflects in a _____ for people

Matthew 22:36 -40 - 37 "'Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.'...39 And the second is like it: 'Love your neighbor as yourself.'

Hebrews 6:10 - God is not unjust; he will not forget your work and the _____ you have shown him as you have helped his people and continue to help them.

Romans 12:10-11 - Be devoted to one another in brotherly love. Honor one another above yourselves. 11 Never be lacking in zeal, but keep your spiritual fervor, serving the _____.

Philippians 2:1-4 - If you have any encouragement from being united with Christ, if any comfort from his love, if any fellowship with the Spirit, if any tenderness and compassion, 2 then make my joy complete by being like-minded, having the same love, being one in spirit and purpose.

"True leadership means to receive _____ from God and to use it under Gods rule to serve people in Gods way."
Leighton Ford

2. The desire for _____ (6:8)

"When I set out to be a ball player, I didn't set out to be a lousy one. I set out to be a great one. Why waste time being lousy? What reward is there in that?"

Philippians 2:4-8 - Each of you should look not only to your own interests, but also to the interests of others. 5 Your attitude should be the same as that of Christ Jesus...

Mark 10:42-45 - Jesus called them together and said, "You know that those who are regarded as rulers of the Gentiles lord it over them, and their high officials exercise authority over them. 43 Not so with you. Instead, whoever wants to become _____ among you must be your servant, 44 and whoever wants to be first must be slave of all. 45 For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many."

Matthew 23:11-12 - The greatest among you will be your _____. 12 For whoever exalts himself will be humbled, and whoever humbles himself will be exalted.
"The purpose of life is not to win. The purpose of life is to grow and to share. When you come to look back on all that you have done in life, you will get more satisfaction from the

pleasure you have brought into other people's lives than you will from the times that you outdid and defeated them." ~ **Rabbi Harold Kushner**

Once I did a word search on the Bible for the "one another" passages that instruct us in how to minister to each other. It was very convicting! Here's what I found:

Bible "One Anothers"

Romans 12:10 – Be devoted to one another in brotherly love. Honor one another above yourselves. (You can't do this with everybody but you can do it with somebody).

Romans 15:7 – Accept one another, then, just as Christ accepted you, in order to bring praise to God.

Romans 15:14 - I myself am convinced, my brothers, that you yourselves are full of goodness, complete in knowledge and competent to instruct one another.

Galatians 5:13 – You, my brothers, were called to be free. But do not use your freedom to indulge the sinful nature; rather, serve one another in love.

Ephesians 4:2 – Be completely humble and gentle; be patient, bearing with one another in love.

Ephesians 4:32 – Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other, just as in Christ God forgave you.

Ephesians 5:21 – Submit to one another out of reverence for Christ.

Colossians 3:16 – Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly as you teach and admonish one another with all wisdom, and as you sing psalms, hymns and spiritual songs with gratitude in your hearts to

God.

1 Thessalonians 3:12 – May the Lord make your love increase and overflow for each other and for everyone else, just as ours does for you.

1 Thessalonians 4:9 – Now about brotherly love we do not need to write to you, for you yourselves have been taught by God to love each other.

1 Thessalonians 5:11 – Therefore encourage one another and build each other up, just as in fact you are doing.

2 Thessalonians 1:3 – We ought always to thank God for you, brothers, and rightly so, because your faith is growing more and more, and the love every one of you has for each other is increasing.

Hebrews 3:13 – But encourage one another daily, as long as it is called Today, so that none of you may be hardened by sin's deceitfulness.

Hebrews 10:24,25 – And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds. Let us not give up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but let us encourage one another--and all the more as you see the Day approaching.

1 Peter 3:8 – Finally, all of you, live in harmony with one another; be sympathetic, love as brothers, be compassionate and humble.

1 Peter 4:9 – Offer hospitality to one another without grumbling.

1 Peter 5:5 – Young men, in the same way be submissive to those who are older. All of you, clothe yourselves with humility toward one another, because, "God opposes the proud but gives grace to the humble."

1 John 3:23 – And this is his command: to believe in the name of his Son, Jesus Christ, and to love one another as he commanded us.

1 John 4:7 – Dear friends, let us love one another, for love comes from God. Everyone who loves has been born of God and knows God.

"The goal of many leaders is to get people to think more highly of the leader. The goal of a great leader is to help people to think more highly of themselves." ~ **J. Carla Nortcutt**