



DISCOVERING THE  
**SERVANTHOOD**  
OF JESUS

THE BLESSINGS OF A SERVANT

# Introduction:

While Jesus gave us an  
example of Perfect  
Servanthood, his disciples  
acted more like most of us

**Text:** Mark 10:35-45

**Then James and John, the sons of Zebedee, came to him. “Teacher,” they said, “we want you to do for us whatever we ask.”**

**“What do you want me to do for you?” he asked.**

**They replied, “Let one of us sit at your right and the other at your left in your glory.”**

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**“You don’t know what you are asking,” Jesus said. “Can you drink the cup I drink or be baptized with the baptism I am baptized with?”**

**“We can,” they answered.**

**Jesus said to them, “You will drink the cup I drink and be baptized with the baptism I am baptized with, but to sit at my right or left is not for me to grant.**

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These places belong to those for whom they have been prepared.”

**When the ten heard about this, they became indignant with James and John.**

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**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.**

**Not so with you. Instead, whoever wants to become great among you must be your servant, and whoever wants to be first must be slave of all.**

**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.”**

**Mark 10:35-45**

Jesus' disciples demonstrated  
that a spirit of Perfect Servanthood  
is seldom attained

**INSTANTANEOUSLY.**

There are several predictable stages  
in a typical Christian's Journey of  
Servanthood.

# Stage One - **RESISTANCE.**

Servanthood is an unappealing **OPTION.** There are no blessings in being a servant. Life's blessings lie in being the master!

This stage ends in **DEFEAT.**

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Stage Two - **RESOLVE**.

Servanthood is an **OBLIGATION**.

I will be rewarded by God for being a servant! This stage ends in

**DISCOURAGEMENT** or even

**DISILLUSIONMENT**.

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Stage Three - **RELEASE.**

Servanthood is an

**OPPORTUNITY.**

I will be rewarded by God through  
being a servant! This stage ends in

**DELIVERANCE.**

In the Christian's Journey of Servanthood, the controlling impulse in:

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Stage One is to maintain

**FREEDOM.**

Stage Two is to regain **CONTROL.**

Stage Three is to express **LOVE.**

God's desire is always to move us forward in trust and obedience.

The development of our servanthood acts as a: DISCOVERING THE

Means of our **GROWTH**.

Measure of our **MATURITY**.

## **Conclusion:**

**Where are you in your personal Journey of Servanthood? Are you experiencing a crisis of spiritual growth and development? Are you ready to take the next step?**



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