



DISCOVERING THE  
**SERVANTHOOD**  
OF JESUS

THE HEALTH OF A SERVANT

# Introduction:

True servanthood heals,  
while an attitude of lordship  
tears and wounds. Many  
people try to minister out of  
emptiness and darkness,  
rather than fullness and light.

**Text:** 1 Peter 5:1-7

**To the elders among you, I appeal as a fellow elder, a witness of Christ's sufferings and one who also will share in the glory to be revealed:**

OF JESUS

**Be shepherds of God's flock that is under your care, serving as overseers—not because you must, but because you are willing, as God wants you to be; not greedy for money, but eager to serve; not lording it over those entrusted to you, but being examples to the flock.**

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**And when the Chief Shepherd  
appears, you will receive the crown of  
glory that will never fade away.**

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**Young men, in the same way be  
submissive to those who are older.**

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**All of you, clothe yourselves with  
humility toward one another,  
because,**

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**“God opposes the proud  
but gives grace to the humble.”**

**Humble yourselves, therefore, under  
God's mighty hand, that he may lift  
you up in due time.**

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**Cast all your anxiety on him because  
he cares for you.**

1 Peter 5:1-7

True servanthood understands that roles and positions within the Body of Christ must be:

Accepted as  
**RESPONSIBILITIES**, not  
seized as **REWARDS**.

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ACKNOWLEDGED AS  
**CONDITIONAL** and  
**TEMPORARY**, not  
**ABSOLUTE** and  
**PERMANENT.**  
OF JESUS

True servanthood is a spirit.

It can't be:

**MANDATED** in a job

description.

**MEASURED** in a performance

review.

**MANUFACTURED** in a training

seminar.

True servanthood focuses on:

Maximizing **OPPORTUNITIES**,  
not meeting minimum  
**OBLIGATIONS**.

The **WELFARE** of those being  
served, not the **PRIVILEGES** of  
those who wield authority.

True servanthood requires a spirit of:

**CARING.**

**HUMILITY.**

**SUBMISSION.**

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True servanthood results in a  
constant **EMPTYING** of ego and  
self.

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Those who are:

Being continually filled by God's Holy Spirit will experience constant spiritual and personal **RENEWAL**.

Not being continually filled by God's Holy Spirit will experience spiritual **BANKRUPTCY** and personal **COLLAPSE**.

## **Conclusion:**

**We can make a mess of things if we focus on developing the skills of ministry before developing the heart and spirit of ministry.**



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