

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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