

“NOT VERY GLAMOROUS”

JOHN 13:12-20

The Master serves His followers by stooping to a most menial mission of removing the soot from the lowest part of the human body. The Creator of the world bows before the created of the world to clean their grime. This is our model.

THE SPECIFICS OF SERVING

① P _____ (13:13)

The Master serves His followers. No hesitation, no pause, just straightforward, immediate action.

Do not allow your personal _____ to deter you from serving those not like you.

② P _____ (13:14-15)

If there is any debt/obligation you should not want to still owe, it is to _____ your neighbor (Rom. 13:8-9).

We have been called to serve, not be served, to give and not take, to consecrate and not desecrate life.

③ P _____ (13:16ff)

If the Christian life could be summarized in one word, a very good choice would be _____.

Blessed and *happy* really do differ:

1. Blessed originates from on _____ whereas happy tends to bounce around _____.

2. Blessed has a _____ duration than the temporal interval of happy.

3. Blessed is more _____ and happy is more subjective.

CONCLUSION

We have been called to serve as we imitate the footprints of Jesus and here, as He bows down as the Creator and washes the feet of His created. Such an act of servitude truly overwhelms as it identifies the very extent to which our Savior lowered Himself in order to minister to us, ultimately laying down His life so we as sinners deserving of death could find life. He is our model and this is our mission as we love Him and love our neighbor.

Self-righteous service

comes through _____ effort

gravitates toward the “big deal”

requires _____ rewards

fixates on the _____

picks and chooses who to serve

affects by moods and whims

operates temporarily

insists and demands

True service

comes from a relationship with Christ

welcomes _____ opportunities

rests contented in hiddenness

resists the need to calculate results

discriminates not in its ministry

ministers _____ and faithfully due to needs

remains an _____ pattern of living

_____ or responds with service

AS A RESULT...

It _____ community!

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(adapted from *Celebration of Discipline* by Richard Foster)