

FRIENDS 'SERVE FIRST'

Being and Making Disciples P??

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"She came to Jesus with her sons. She bowed before Jesus and she asked Him to do something for her. Jesus asked, 'What do you want?' She said, 'Promise that one of my sons will sit at Your right side in Your kingdom and promise that the other son will sit at Your left side.'" Matt 20:20 →

What did she want for her sons Greatness ?

"The other ten followers heard this and they were angry at the two brothers." v24

If there was a top spot they wanted to be in the running !

"He called the followers together. 'The rulers love to show their power of people. The important leaders love to use all of their authority but it should not be that way among you. If one of you wants to be great then he must serve the rest of you like a servant. If one of you wants to become first then he must serve the rest of you like a slave.'" v25

Jesus brings a paradigm shift

*"Actually so it is with Me, the Son of man. **The Son of man did not come for other people to serve Him. He came to serve others.** The Son of man came to give His life as the ransom for many."*

THIS IS RADICAL! He says in order to be great, you've got to serve.

1. To be first I must be last
2. To be best I must be least
3. To get to the top I must find my way to the bottom

BOTTOM LINE - I don't mind being a servant of God , but not a servant of other people -(ALL) ?

"You are the light of the world....let your light shine before men, that they may see your good deeds and praise your Father in heaven. Matt 5:14-16

A Disciple that is not SERVING is a Dim bulb !

The whys and the hows of servanthood

Why?

1. I was created for service.

"It is God Himself who has made us what we are and given us new lives from Christ Jesus. Long ago He planned that we should spend these lives in helping others." Ephesians 2:10

2. It proves that I belong to Christ.

“...that you might belong to another, to him who was raised from the dead, in order that we might bear fruit to God. Rom 7:4-5

3. Because serving God is serving others.

“Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart,” it says in Colossians “...as working for the Lord. Not for men. It’s the Lord you’re serving.”

Matthew 25, *“Then the king will answer, ‘I tell you the truth. Anything you refused to do for any of My people here you refused to do it for Me.’”*

Why do FRIENDS ‘SERVE FIRST’ ? Because when we serve others we serve God.

4. It gives my life meaning.

1 Corinthians 15 says *“Keep busy in your work for the Lord since you know that nothing you do in the Lord’s service is ever without value.”*

- What I’m suggesting is I don’t work to live.
- I work to serve so that I’ll really live.

Mark 8 *“Only those who throw ...My sake and for the sake of the good news will ever know what it means to **really live.**”*

5. It will be rewarded for eternity.

Jesus said, *“My father will honor the one who serves Me.”* John 12:26

The God of all rewards who will say someday to us, *“Well done good and faithful servant. You have been faithful with a few things. I will put you in charge of many things. Come and share in your master’s happiness.”* Matt 25:23

NEXT WEEK → **How** do we move towards servanthood? How do we move towards spiritual maturity because that’s what servanthood is.

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