

SERVANTHOOD

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Worship

Isaiah 46:3-4

Listen to Me [says the Lord], O house of Jacob and all the remnant of the house of Israel, you who have been borne by Me from your birth, carried from the womb: Even to your old age I am He and even to hair white with age will I carry you. I have made and I will bear, yes, I will carry and will save you.

- God has made us
- He promised that He will carry us. He will sustain us. He will rescue us

Word

- God wants you to have a servant's heart and an attitude of service
- When you serve it's amazing what God can do
- We all have dreams that we want to achieve, we want a better future
- Most people are so busy with their own things, trying to improve their lives that they get stuck in "me, I, myself" that they miss the bigger picture and what God want for their lives
- Many Christians live a selfish and unhappy life. Let go of yourself and begin to think of someone else. What is God calling you to do?
- Something powerful happens when you put yourself aside
- You start to touch and change a life and at the same time your life is being changed
- When you serve in God's house, God changes you and your perspective of life
- You will change from moaning and groaning to having purpose
- When you serve, life is more rewarding and you begin to grow
- Be thankful for what you have
- Develop a servants heart

Matthew 25:31-36

When the Son of Man comes in His glory (His majesty and splendour) and all the holy angels with Him, then He will sit on the throne of His glory. All nations will be gathered before Him and He will separate them [the people] from one another as a shepherd separates his sheep from the goats and He will cause the sheep to stand at His right hand but the goats at His left. Then the King will say to those at His right hand, Come, you blessed of My Father [you favoured of God and appointed to eternal salvation], inherit (receive as your own) the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world. For I was hungry and you gave Me food, I was thirsty and you gave Me something to drink, I was a stranger and you brought Me together with yourselves and welcomed and entertained and lodged Me, I was naked and you clothed Me, I was sick and you visited Me with help and ministering care, I was in prison and you came to see Me.

- We need to lay our lives down to serve people
- God is commanding us to have a servants lifestyle

Matthew 20:26 -28

Not so shall it be among you but whoever wishes to be great among you must be your servant and whoever desires to be first among you must be your slave— Just as the Son of Man came not to be waited on but to serve and to give His life as a ransom for many [the price paid to set them free].

- If you want to be the greatest you need to become the least
- Christ is teaching us a principle
- When last did you serve somebody?

- When last where you in service of God?
- Serve by picking up a paper in the street

Isaiah 58:10

And if you pour out that with which you sustain your own life for the hungry and satisfy the need of the afflicted, then shall your light rise in darkness and your obscurity and gloom become like the noonday.

- When you serve others, God's light in you will become brighter and brighter
- God's blessings will follow you
- When you spend your time in service, darkness and oppression leaves you
- When you serve others you forget about your own problems and you become selfless
- Things that are important to God becomes important to you
- God begins to work in your life because you are following his heart
- After David was anointed he went back to the sheep and continued serving in the father's house
- David didn't become big in himself thinking that others must serve him because he was anointed as king
- David was called to play on the harp whenever an evil spirit came upon Saul
- King Saul favoured David but he continued serving Saul and his father
- God opened a door for David while he was serving
- God created an opportunity
- If you are not willing to serve in small things how can God make you great?
- God will test you in the small things before He opens a door for you
- It is in your servant's heart that God blesses you
- God opens doors when you serve
- **God is calling you to be faithful with the small things**
- When you visit someone and touch someone your life will change more
- No one may be seeing what you are doing

Matthew 6:4

So that your deeds of charity may be in secret and your Father Who sees in secret will reward you openly.

- **The Lord that sees in secret will reward you**
- If you do not have a good heart's attitude how can God bless you?
- Serve at your workplace and do more than what you are supposed to
- You will stand out and God will cause others to notice
- When you operate in servanthood you change the atmosphere around you
- You are the light wherever you go
- Everyone wants to be on the stage and minister from the pulpit but maybe God is looking for someone to greet people at the door
- When King Saul heard what David had said about Goliath, King Saul sent for him. When you begin to serve you do not know when you are going to be called for
- **It is not man that promotes, it comes from the Lord**
- When David asked what happens to the man that kills Goliath they told him that he and his family will be free from paying taxes and he will marry the king's daughter

Matthew 25:21

His master said to him, Well done, you upright (honorable, admirable) and faithful servant! You have been faithful and trustworthy over a little, I will put you in charge of much. Enter into and share the joy (the delight, the blessedness) which your master enjoys.

- The man in this scripture is a servant when the conversation starts but a ruler when it ends
- God knows how to upgrade you and wants to push your life forward
- Begin to fight for someone else
- Do not take this message for granted, you do not know what God is doing in your life
- The moment Samuel anointed David the power of God was present
- **David did not have an agenda to be king or the most important person**
- He did not serve to be seen or recognised
- God know what you are busy with, He sees the attitude of your heart. He is going to come through for you
- It is not about impressing people, it is about serving and honouring Him
- You can do the right thing with a wrong agenda and you will miss God
- We are not serving a person, you are serving God
- If you serve with a glad heart the sky is the limit. When you serve with the wrong attitude, people may be glad because the job gets done but God is not happy
- When you come to church you need to come to the Lord with gladness
- How excited are you to come before the King?
- We all have a testimony, a big part of that testimony has been your serving heart
- We all have a story to tell
- It is not always going to be easy
- **Serve faithfully in difficult times**
- God is watching how we respond
- **We need to serve with excellence**
- Serve when it seems that situation is never going to change
- God will take you out of your circumstances and upgrade you

Luke 16:12

And if you have not proved faithful in that which belongs to another [whether God or man], who will give you that which is your own [that is, the true riches]?

- If you cannot serve what belongs to another how can God give you your own?
- If you cannot help someone in need, how will God help you?
- When you serve the Lord you draw the attention of God
- If you want to go up, get down and serve
- Praying with someone, visiting or assisting - you are being a faithful servant and proving to God
- We at times feel that we are behind in life, if that is you:
 - If you have been serving, keep serving
 - If you have not been serving, start serving
- Where you are now is not it, your life is not going to stay the way it is
- God is going to do something in your life
- There is power in serving
- When we have this attitude, God is going to come through for us