



Part 2 (Lesson 6)

Having A Servant's Heart

I. Servanthood vs. Selfishness

A. According to 2 Timothy 3:1-5 in the last days men will be lovers of **(Self)(Money)(Pleasure)**

1. List some symptoms of selfishness seen in our world today _____

Selfishness is a natural response of the flesh. Christians are not exempt from this. This is why Jesus said we must deny self and take up our cross every day. (Luke 9:23) If you think you have no problems with selfishness then you are a deceived person. We must continue to daily pray for grace to overcome selfishness and look continually into the face of Jesus, our perfect example.

B. Compare God's direction for His people found in Philippians 2:3-4. What is God's command to us here? **(Do nothing from selfishness or empty conceit, but with humility of mind regard one another as more important than yourselves; Do not merely look out for your own personal interests, but also for the interests of others.)**

C. What truth is seen in 1 Corinthians 10:23-24? **(Though all things are lawful we must do that which is edifying, considering what will consistent with loving others.)**

D. Galatians 5:13 teaches us to? **(Use freedom to serve one another in love)**

E. 1 Peter 4:10 teaches us? **(Employ (use) the gifts God's given us to serve one another)**

II. Jesus' Example of Servanthood

(What do the following verses teach us of Jesus and ourselves?)

A. Mark 10:45 & Matthew 20:28 **(Jesus came to serve others (that is to serve us), not to be served by others. We should follow His example, living to serve others.)**

B. Philippians 2:5-8 **(Jesus laid aside His ability to function as God and took upon Himself the form of a servant, dying for us. We should have this same attitude.)**

C. John 4:31-34 & Luke 22:41-44 **(Jesus' purpose in life was to fulfill the will of God the Father. This was what sustained Him. He yielded to God's will and so must we.)**

D. John 5:19 **(Jesus only did what He saw the Father doing.)**

What is a servant's agenda in life? **(To fulfill the will of his master and to please him.)**

E. John 13:1-16 **(Jesus dressed as a servant before His disciples. He then humbled Himself before them and washed their feet, which was typically the job of the lowliest servant. The context of this (Luke 22:23-27) was their discussion of who was greatest.)**

III. Bond Servants

A. After reading this passage, explain in your own words what it means to become a bond slave. (Deuteronomy 15:12-17) **(A servant who loves his master and wants to serve him could volunteer to continue serving with his master. This was a bond-servant.)**

B. Notice how the New Testament writers identified themselves.

1. Romans 1:1 **(Paul, a bond-servant of Christ Jesus)**

2. James 1:1 **(James, a bond-servant of God and of the Lord Jesus Christ)**

3. 2 Peter 1:1 **(Simon Peter, a bond-servant and apostle of Jesus Christ)**

4. Jude 1:1 **(Jude, a bond-servant of Jesus Christ)**

5. Revelation 1:1 **(His bond-servant John)**

A bond servant is a volunteer servant for life. Is this true of your life?

C. How is a servant’s heart seen in 2 Corinthians 4:5 and 2 Corinthians 12:15?

(Bond-servants of God become bond-servants of people whom God loves. They are willing to be spent for others.)

IV. 3 Groups of People (Unbelievers, Carnal Christians, Growing and Abiding Servants)

A. How does God describe “carnal” or “fleshly” Christians?

1. 1 Corinthians 3:1-5 **(Infants in Christ, walking as mere men in jealousy and strife.)**

2. James 4:1-4 **(Friends of the world, seeking things selfishly, striving with others.)**

B. What attitude must a growing servant develop? (Luke 17:7-10) **(Serving not to get something in return but rather to just be a good servant and bless the master.)**

(Note the context of this passage by looking at verses 5-6) **(Servanthood related to faith)**

C. According to John 15:4-5 a servant must abide in Jesus because? **(We cannot bear any fruit apart from the life of Jesus flowing through us, like the branch of a tree.)**

V. What is the Lord speaking to your heart about related to being a servant?

Conclusion - Pray now for the Lord to give you a servant’s heart.

