

Serving Like Jesus!

John 13:1-20

1. It was just before the Passover Feast. Jesus knew that the time had come for him to leave this world and go to the Father. Having loved his own who were in the world, he now showed them the full extent of his love.
2. The evening meal was being served, and the devil had already prompted Judas Iscariot, son of Simon, to betray Jesus.
3. Jesus knew that the Father had put all things under his power, and that he had come from God and was returning to God;
4. so he got up from the meal, took off his outer clothing, and wrapped a towel around his waist.
5. After that, he poured water into a basin and began to wash his disciples' feet, drying them with the towel that was wrapped around him.
6. He came to Simon Peter, who said to him, "Lord, are you going to wash my feet?"
7. Jesus replied, "You do not realize now what I am doing, but later you will understand."
8. "No," said Peter, "you shall never wash my feet." Jesus answered, "Unless I wash you, you have no part with me."
9. "Then, Lord," Simon Peter replied, "not just my feet but my hands and my head as well!"
10. Jesus answered, "A person who has had a bath needs only to wash his feet; his whole body is clean. And you are clean, though not every one of you."
11. For he knew who was going to betray him, and that was why he said not every one was clean.
12. When he had finished washing their feet, he put on his clothes and returned to his place. "Do you understand what I have done for you?" he asked them.
13. "You call me `Teacher' and `Lord,' and rightly so, for that is what I am.
14. Now that I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also should wash one another's feet.
15. I have set you an example that you should do as I have done for you.
16. I tell you the truth, no servant is greater than his master, nor is a messenger greater than the one who sent him.
17. Now that you know these things, you will be blessed if you do them.

18. "I am not referring to all of you; I know those I have chosen. But this is to fulfill the scripture: 'He who shares my bread has lifted up his heel against me.'

19. "I am telling you now before it happens, so that when it does happen you will believe that I am He.

20. I tell you the truth, whoever accepts anyone I send accepts me; and whoever accepts me accepts the one who sent me."

1. You must know who you are in God!

Eph 1:4-5

4 "For he chose us in him before the creation of the world to be holy and blameless in his sight. In love

5 he predestined us to be adopted as his sons through Jesus Christ, in accordance with his pleasure and will."

Eph 2:7-10

7 "For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith-and this not from yourselves, it is the gift of God-

9 not by works, so that no one can boast.

10 For we are God's workmanship, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do."

Vs. 3 - Jesus knew that the Father had put all things under his power, and that he had come from God and was returning to God;

2. You must know your position of authority!

3. You must know what you have been commissioned to do!

Pr. 29:18 (ASV) - Where there is no vision, the people cast off restraint.

Pr. 29:18 (NIV) - Where there is no revelation, the people cast off restraint;

Matt 25:40 (NKJV) - "And the King will answer and say to them, 'Assuredly, I say to you, inasmuch as you did it to one of the least of these My brethren, you did it to Me.'"

4. You need to know where you are going!

John 13:3 - "Jesus knew that the Father had put all things under his power, and that he had come from God and WAS RETURNING TO GOD."

1 Cor 15:58 - Therefore, my dear brothers, STAND FIRM. Let NOTHING move you. ALWAYS give yourselves FULLY to the work of the Lord, because you know that your labor IN THE LORD is NOT in vain.

5. You must really know who you are really serving!

John 13:1 - "Having loved his own who were in the world, he now showed them the FULL extent of his love."

Heb 12:1-3 - "Let us fix our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy set before him endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God. Consider him who endured such opposition from sinful men, so that you will not grow weary and lose heart."