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"Your shape reveals your ministry, but your servant's heart reveals your maturity"



The contrast between worldly greatness and Jesus' definition of greatness.

"Jesus measured greatness in terms of service, not status."

* Knowing your shape and having the heart of a servant. "Your *Primary* ministry should be in the area of your shape, but you *Secondary* service is wherever you're needed at the moment ".



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Characteristics of Real Servants





"You will know them by their fruits" (Matthew 7:16)







Pay attention to needs



Do their best with what they have



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Are Faithful to their ministry



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Small Acts Of Service



"Do all the good you can, by all the means you can, in all the ways you can, in all the places you can, at all the times you can, to all the people you can, as long as you ever can." - John Wesley

- Do these little things as if they were great things because God is watching
- ❖ Be like Christ- Jesus specialized in menials tasks that everyone else tried to avoid: washing feet, helping children, fixing breakfast, and serving lepers. Nothing was beneath Him, because He came to serve.
- Small tasks often show a big heart.
- Great opportunities often disguise themselves in small tasks.
- * "His Lord said to him, "Well done, good and faithful servant; you have been faithful over a few things, I will make you ruler over many things. Enter into the joy of your Lord"- (Matthew 25:23)





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And be clothed with humility, for "God resists the proud, But gives grace to the humble" (1 Peter 5:5)

- Eye-service: serving in order to impress people with how spiritual they are, put-on a show, this was a sin of pharisees.
- "Take heed that you do not do your charitable deeds before men, to be seen by them. Otherwise you have no reward from your Father in heaven." (Matthew 6:1)
- Always being in the spotlight, blinds you.
- The most significant service is often the service that is unseen.
- * "Your Father who sees in secret will reward you openly" (Matthew 6:6)





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And whoever gives one of these little ones only a cup of cold water is the name of a disciple, assuredly, I say to you, he shall by no means lose his reward (Matthew 10:42)

- And whatever you do, do it heartily, as to the Lord and not to men, knowing that from the Lord you will receive the reward of the inheritance; for you serve the Lord Christ. (Colossians 3:23-24)
- "Therefore, my beloved brethren, be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that your labor is not in vain in the Lord." (1 Corinthians 15:58)





Reflection



- Which of the 6 characteristics of real servants offers the greatest challenge to me?
- Are you available to God anytime?
- Can He mess up your plans without you being resentful?
- Can you be counted on by others?
- Are there promises you need to keep, vows you need to fulfill, or commitments you need to honor?







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Understanding True Servanthood



- Being a true servant of God requires a shift in the way we think.
- Service starts in our mind.





Foundations of Servanthood





Servants think more about others than about themselves



Servants think about their work, not what others are doing.



Servants think like stewards, not owners.



Servants base their identity in Christ.



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Servants think more about others than about themselves

True humility: not thinking less of ourselves but thinking of ourselves less. When we stop focusing on our own needs, we become aware of the needs around us.

Real servants don't try to use God for their purposes. They let God use them for His purposes.

Servants think like stewards, not owners.

"Moreover it is required in stewards that one be found faithful." ~ 1
Corinthians 4:2

* "No servant can serve two masters; for either he will hate the one and love the other, or else he will be loyal to the one and despise the other." ~ Luke 16:13



Servants think about their service, not what others are doing.

Don't compare or compete with other servants or ministries.

* "For we dare not class ourselves or compare ourselves with those who commend themselves. But they, measuring themselves by themselves, and comparing themselves among themselves, are not wise." (2 Corinthians 10:12)



Servants base their identity in Christ

They willingly accept jobs that insecure people would consider 'beneath' them.

One of the most profound examples of serving from a secure self-image is Jesus' washing the feet of His disciples.

Ministry is an opportunity not an obligation

Servants think of ministry as an opportunity, not an obligation. They enjoy helping people, meeting needs, and doing ministry. They "serve the Lord with gladness."

As Jesus said, "If anyone serves Me, him My Father will honor."





God's Power in Your Weakness

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Your weakness are not an accident. God deliberately allowed them in your life for the purpose of demonstrating His power through you.

Today's chapter of Purpose Driven Life deals with our weaknesses and why we have them.

A weakness is any limitation that you have no power to change.





God is more than willing to work through our weakness; but for this to happen, we must do the following:











Admit your weakness

Be Content with your weaknesses

Honestly Share Your Weakness Glory in your weakness



Admit our weakness



We must be honest and face reality. Instead of pretending we have no limitations, we must own up to our imperfections. Often it is necessary for God to allow a crisis in our life in order for us to see ourselves clearly.



Be Content with your weaknesses

St. Paul said, "My grace is sufficient for you, for My strength is made perfect in weakness." 2 Corinthians 12:10

- St. Paul gives us several reasons to be content with our inborn weaknesses:
 - Depend on God.
 - Prevent arrogance
 - Keep us humble
 - Encourage fellowship between believers
 - Increase our capacity for sympathy and ministry





Honestly Share Your Weakness



- When we openly share our weaknesses with others, taking a risk like the St. Paul did, we often discover that being real doesn't push people away rather than it draws them closer.
- This honesty not only builds deeper connections but also inspires us to face and use our own weaknesses in serving, despite the challenges.
- * "For the good that I will to do, I do not do; but the evil I will not to do, that I practice." Romans 7:19





Glory in your weakness



Isaiah 40:29 tells us, "He gives power to the weak, And to those who have no might He increases strength."





God's Strength in Our Weakness: A Path to Spiritual Growth



When you're ready to give up your pride and risk losing popularity by admitting to yourself and others that you have weaknesses, can you truly depend on God. This faith lets God's Holy Spirit work through you. To reach this point, you need to admit, accept, reveal, and take joy in God's plan for your life, including your limitations. This approach shifts attention away from you and focuses it on God, who is the true source of power in your life.





Thank you

