

WALKING AS A SERVANT

Everyone enjoys being served, but few enjoy making the effort to serve others. People don't mind being *called* servants, but they do mind being *treated* as servants. The mature Christian is marked by what he will do for others without expecting anything in return.

CHRIST YOUR EXAMPLE

1. What was Christ's purpose in coming to this world?
Mark 10:45

2. What are some ways in which Jesus served people?
Matthew 9:35

3. Read Philippians 2:5-8.

a. Whose example are you to follow? *Verse 5* _____

b. What position did Christ take? *Verse 7* _____

c. How did he demonstrate his servanthood? *Verses 7-8*

4. Consider the command in Philippians 2:3-4.

a. What are you told to do? _____

b. Can you think of any situation in which you are not practicing this attitude of living? _____

c. What can you *do* to correct this? _____

CHRIST'S DESIRE FOR YOU

5. Read Mark 1:31.

a. After Jesus had served Peter's mother-in-law by healing her, what was her immediate response? _____

b. In what ways has Christ helped you? _____

c. What should your response be? _____

6. Whom should you desire to serve?

John 12:26 _____

Galatians 5:13 _____

Galatians 6:10 _____

**KEYS TO BECOMING
A SERVANT**

Being Humble

11. What must you continually keep in mind? *John 13:13, 16*

12. As a servant you could develop pride in your serving. What can keep you from doing this? *Luke 17:10*

Observing and Meeting the Needs of Others

13. The servant is observant. “Ears that hear and eyes that see—the LORD has made them both” (Proverbs 20:12). God intends for you to use what he has given you to listen and observe.
- a. How could you become a better listener? _____

- b. How could you become a better observer? _____

(Read Proverbs 24:30-34 for an example of a man who learned by observation.)

14. What needs of others are you aware of which you could help meet?

- Read Proverbs 3:27 and 1 John 3:17. What do these verses tell you to do?

Evaluating Your Serving

15. Stop for a moment and evaluate your serving.
- a. Give an example of when you served another person.

- b. Can you think of an example when you failed to serve another person although you were aware of a need?

- c. In your opinion, why did you serve one time and not the other?

16. Why is it important to serve in the “little” things? *Luke 16:10*

**A SERVANT
GIVES**

One of the most tangible ways to serve others is to meet their material and financial needs. If you are willing to give of that which is tangible, you will be better able to give of that which is intangible—your time, your experience, your love, your life.

17. What principles provide a foundation for New Testament giving?
2 Corinthians 8:9 _____

2 *Corinthians* 9:8 _____

18. What promises does God make to those who give? _____

2 *Corinthians* 9:6 _____

Philippians 4:19 _____

19. According to the verses in the following chart, to whom should you give? For each verse can you think of a specific person to whom you could give?

	TO WHOM I SHOULD GIVE	SPECIFIC PERSON TO WHOM I CAN GIVE
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Proverbs 19:17 _____

1 *Corinthians* 9:14 _____

Galatians 6:6 _____

James 2:15-16 _____

20. Evaluate your giving.

a. Do you have a plan? _____

b. To whom are you giving presently? _____

c. Do you need to change any of your giving practices? _____

If so, what will you do? _____

Remember These Points

- Jesus Christ was not obligated to become a servant, but he did so voluntarily, giving of himself to meet people's needs.
- Christ has helped all believers, and their response should be to serve him and to serve other Christians.
- Believers must "die to self" in order to live for others. Then we are free to be servants.
- A servant must be humble and observant in little things as well as bigger ones.
- A server is a giver—not only of himself, but also of his material and financial possessions. Each Christian should have a personal plan for financial giving based on scriptural principles.