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Sunday Worship Assembly 9:30 AM
Sunday Bible Classes (All Ages) 11:00 AM
Wednesday Adult Bible Class 1:30 PM
Wednesday Bible Classes (All Ages) 7:00 PM



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The Heart of a Servant

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If you fill a bucket full of water and then walk along carrying that bucket, what is the only thing that will spill out? Milk? Root beer? How about some tea? The only possible thing to spill out is water. With this in mind, if we apply this spiritually, what is the only thing(s) that can come out of our hearts? Whatever we put in. The Bible clearly warns us to guard our heart (Prov. 4:23) which means we have to be intentional about what goes in. Since God looks at the heart of man (I Sam. 16:7), and we know that what is in our hearts will come out our mouths (Mt. 12:34), we should be wise and not allow deceit (Jer. 17:9), desire (Ps. 20:4), evil (Luke 6:45) and treasure (Mt. 6:21) anywhere near our hearts. Instead, what if we are diligent in making sure that we long for a heart like David. In Psalms 51:10, he said, ***create in me a clean (pure) heart, O God and renew a steadfast spirit within me.***

How can we achieve this? The best place to begin answering this question is to look at the one who had a servant's heart. In Mark 10:35-45, Jesus is teaching where true greatness can be found. Notice verses 43-35, ***Whoever desires to become great among you shall be your servant. And whoever of you desires to be first shall be slave of all. For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and give His life a ransom for many.*** Considering Jesus's audience, His disciples would one day lead the church. Christ wanted His servants to model His character.

Jesus gives His disciples a look into His servant heart. In John 13, Jesus washed the feet of His disciples. He certainly would have had a lot on His mind. The hour had come in which He would depart from this world (verse 1). The devil had already influenced Judas to betray Him (verse 2). But His heart continued to be devoted to service. Here's the lesson in verse 14, ***If I then, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another's feet. For I have given you an example, that you should do as I have done to you. Most assuredly I say to you, a servant is not greater than his master; nor is he who is sent greater than he who sent him. If you know these things, blessed are you if you do them.***

Having a servant's heart is at the center of Christianity. Can we be a Christian and not be a servant? Can we be a Christian and not be about the Lord's work? Can we be a Christian and not love our neighbor as ourselves? The answer can be found in the parable of the Good Samaritan in Luke 10. Jesus asked, ***which one of the three was a neighbor to him who fell among the thieves? The lawyer answered, He who showed mercy on him.***

There is most certainly a connection between Christianity and service. Serving others can be a pathway to spiritual growth and a deeper faith. May God help us to have a servant's heart.



Youth Evangelism
Training
July 27, 10:00 AM

For from you the word of the Lord has sounded forth. 1 Thessalonians 1:8

WHAT DOES IT TAKE?

- I. The Possibility- 2 Peter 2:20-22, Galatians 5:4, Hebrews 4:11
- II. The Dilemma- 1 John 1:8,10, Romans 3:23
- III. What it Takes- 2 John 9, Galatians 5:1-4, 19-21, Luke 15:11-32, John 10:28-29

Worship Service

Announcements

Song: 500 O Thou Fount of Every Blessing

Song: 499 O to Be Like Thee! (Vs. 1, 2, 4)

Prayer

Song: 822 Heaven Came Down

Lord's Supper and Contribution

Song: 383 Just Over in the Glory Land (Vs. 1, 2, 4)

Scripture Reading: John 10:27-30

Sermon

Song: 207 Hark! The Gentle Voice

Song: 72 Beyond the Sunset (Vs.1)

Prayer

John 10:27-30

L W I V F W S A H H R V A Y L
T N L E E E T N W O O S T A I
E H T O T R N F E W E I A T F
E E I H M E E E N E O V N R E
C L A L F S H V I R S H A L L
I N E V E R E T A E R G O N E
O L P E E E L K O S C H S E O
V P V H N W N E E F L A N I U
F P T O W O N K E A H K A N T
Y A E E L L E H H S E A T H P
F T N I E L V E I A H T C E N
A A M O T O L R T G M E H T S
R G S F A F E N R P L S E E C
H I E E S P S C S T E R E P Y
S V N D R L A L I D A F P N Y
T E B U E N G B N O I L W M E
F A E T E R N A L E S I C E E
R A N A E N H U L E E K R G L

MY
SHEEP
VOICE
KNOW
THEM
THEY
FOLLOW
GIVE
ETERNAL
LIFE
SHALL
NEVER
PERISH
SNATCH
OUT
HAND
FATHER
GREATER
ABLE
ARE
ONE

John 10:27-30 (NKJV)

- 27 My sheep hear My voice, and I know them, and they follow Me.
- 28 And I give them eternal life, and they shall never perish; neither shall any one snatch them out of My hand.
- 29 My Father, who has given *them* to Me, is greater than all; and no one is able to snatch *them* out of My Father's hand.
- 30 I and My Father are one."

Why Worship?

But the hour is coming, and now is, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth; for the Father is seeking such to worship Him. John 4:23