

God first, then others, then self

God first! (Mt. 6:33) <u>Jesus!</u>
Then others! (Phil. 2:2-4) <u>Others!</u>
Then self! (Gal. 6:1-5) <u>Yourself!</u>

"What being a servant is all about!

• Php 2:5 Let this mind be in you which was also in Christ Jesus,

• Php 2:6 who, being in the form of God, did not consider it robbery to be equal with God,

• Php 2:7 but made Himself of no reputation, taking the form of a bondservant, and coming in the likeness of men.

 Php 2:8 And being found in appearance as a man, He humbled Himself and became obedient to the point of death, even the death of the cross.

The Heart of a Servant! Lu 17:10 "So likewise you, when you have done all those things which you are commanded, say, 'We are unprofitable servants. We have done what was our duty to do."

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[¶] am glad to be a Christian this morning because...Now I live for others! Ac 20:35 I have shewed you all things, how that so labouring ye ought to support the weak, and to remember the words of the Lord Jesus, how he said, It is more blessed to give than to receive. Mr 10:45 "For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give His life a ransom for many."

Lord Make Me A Servant!

 Make me a servant Lord, make me like you. For you are a servant, make me one, too. Make me a servant, do what you must do. To make me a servant, make me like you.

I. We Must Learn to <u>Submit!</u> (Lk. 17:7,9 and10)

- It is the job of a servant to submit to the will of his or her master!
- •The Greek word *doo-los* is found three times in just four verses! (Lk.17,7,9 and 10)
 - -This word translated "servant" literally means "slave!"
 - -"Which one of you having a slave plowing" (CSB Lk. 17:7)
- •Let's read the passage together.

• Lu 17:7 "And which of you, having a <u>servant</u> plowing or tending sheep, will say to him when he has come in from the field, 'Come at once and sit down to eat'?

• Lu 17:8 "But will he not rather say to him, 'Prepare something for my supper, and gird yourself and serve me till I have eaten and drunk, and afterward you will eat and drink'?

• Lu 17:9 "Does he thank that <u>servant</u> because he did the things that were commanded him? I think not.

• Lu 17:10 "So likewise you, when you have done all those things which you are commanded, say, 'We are unprofitable <u>servants</u>. We have done what was our duty to do.'"

*0 Strong's Greek Dictionary *Doo-los* = a slave (literal or figurative, involuntary or voluntray; therefore in a qualified sense of subjection!) When one is a servant/slave they must be in complete submittion to their Master! •We are God's bond-servants! -Php 1:1 Paul and Timothy, **bondservants** of Jesus Christ, To all the saints in Christ Jesus who are in Philippi, with the bishops and deacons:

-This is the exact same word doo-los

II. We Must Learn to <u>Serve!</u> (Lk. 17:8)

• Lu 17:8 "But will he not rather say to him, 'Prepare something for my supper, and gird yourself and serve me till I have eaten and drunk, and afterward you will eat and drink'? This is a very different word being used here, it is the Greek word dia-ko- neo-s Translated serve = to wait upon; to minister to; to serve

Php 1:1 Paul < Paulos> and <kai> Timotheus, <Timotheos> the servants <doulos> of Jesus <lesous> Christ, <Christos> to all <pas> the saints <hagios> in <en> Christ <Christos> Jesus <lesous> which are <on> at <en> Philippi, <Philippoi> with <sun> the bishops <episkopos> and <kai> deacons: <diakonos>

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Dia-ko-neo-s

 This is the same word we get "deacon" from (cf. 1 Tim. 3:8-13 a special servant) – 1Ti 3:8 ¶ Likewise <hosautos> must the deacons < diakonos > be grave, <semnos> not <me> doubletongued, <dilogos> not <me> given <prosecho> to much <polus> wine, <oinos> not <me> greedy of filthy lucre; <aischrokerdes>

 This is the same word we get "minister" from (cf. Eph. 3:7 to serve the needs of others)

 Eph 3:7 Whereof <hos> I was made <ginomai> a minister, <diakonos> according <kata> to the gift <dorea> of the grace <charis> of God <theos> given <didomi> unto me <moi> by <kata> the effectual working <energeia> of his <autos> power. <dunamis>

[•] III. We Must Learn to Sacrifice! (Lk. 17:10) • Lk. 17:10 "So likewise you, when you have done all those things which you are commanded, say, 'We are unprofitable servants. We have done what was our duty to do."

– Do we realize that God owes us nothings?

– But yet, He loves us enought to give us everything!

"We are commanded to live a life of sacrifice! Ro 12:1 I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that you present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable to God, which is your reasonable service. We must lay aside what we find of value to do greater things for the cause of Christ!

"This need to sacrifce is what Jesus was trying to teach us! • Lk. 9:23 Then He said to them all, "If anyone desires to come after Me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross daily, and follow Me."

– Are we carrying our cross for Jesus?

 When is the last time we truly made a sacrifice for our Savior?

Conclusion: •Learning to have the heart of a servant will not be easy, in fact it will demand our everything!

- I am glad to be a Christian this morning because...now I live for others!
- •If you are here and not yet a servant of God, then today is the day to meet the greatest servant ever, Jesus Christ!
- •If you are a Christian, then how have you been doing in your service to God?

