

## ***Disciples Serve Well***

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*How does 'Serving Well' affect my Christian experience?*

\*John 13:12-17

### **1) It Conveys Our Position, & It Gives Us A Blessing**

Being reminded that our role/position here on earth is that of a servant, seems juxtaposed to this idea of it somehow being a blessing. But as we saw in our passage, this is truly the case! **\*Vs.17**

In our day, many Christians are being taught that the blessing lies in prosperity and stuff; Jesus tells us that the blessing lies in serving.

How does serving Jesus bless us?... Through our obedience. **\*Vs.17**

God blesses us as we serve others; it may be now, or it may be later. It may be financial/material, or it may be spiritual or in some other way... But don't doubt His promises.

Serve Him, be obedient to Him... And the blessings will come.

We are also blessed as we identify with Him.

We're blessed as we serve, because of its benefit to others. "You can tell whether or not you're becoming a servant, by how you act when people treat you like one!"

Many don't mind the idea of service... As long as we have control over how and where we serve, or as long as we feel that our efforts are recognized and appreciated.

Jesus served because it met our needs not because it met His needs.

**\*Matthew 20:25-28**

### **2) By Understanding That Greatness In The Kingdom, Is achieved Through Service**

If you desire to be great for Christ and His kingdom, then you should serve consistently and wholeheartedly.

Beneficial service to others (in God's Kingdom work) comes at a high cost, as we offer true service to our true King, because after all... Cheap religion isn't worth laboring for.

Kingdom greatness requires consistent, wholehearted service to our King... In our homes... At our workplaces... In our communities, and definitely... In Christ's church.

We have some great servants here, though we know we have many others who have yet to take the Next Step.

**\*John 12:25+26**

### **3) It Brings Us Christ's Company, And God's Honor**

**\* 1 Peter 2:5(+9)**

God has given us (who are in Christ) the greatest of privileges to serve Him both here, and as we leave this place... As a local expression of His Body!

What are you going to do for the Lord this year? Where will you serve? What gift will you bring?... Because whatever it is, when it is brought to God for the common good, it may well become the greatest honor of your life.