

A SERVANT TO OTHERS
Disciple Series
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- What are values
- Contrast the difference between Biblical values and worldly values.
- Where does serving fall into?

I. Called to Serve – why – **Do you ever ask why or just get it done?**

Church leaders are to declare with clarity and compassion Heaven's point of view.

Dr. Tony Evans:

“A miss in the pulpit will always lead to a fall in the pew.”

A. Servant Leader, Jesus - **Matthew 20:20-28**

1. Servant = Greek “Diacono” table waiter

B. Called to serve/do good works – **Ephesians 2:10** For we are God's masterpiece. He has created us anew in Christ Jesus, so we can do the good things he planned for us long ago.

C. Called to take an interest in others. - **Philippians 2:1-4** Is there any encouragement from belonging to Christ? Any comfort from his love? Any fellowship together in the Spirit? Are your hearts tender and compassionate? 2 Then make me truly happy by agreeing wholeheartedly with each other, loving one another, and working together with one mind and purpose. 3 Don't be selfish; don't try to impress others. Be humble, thinking of others as better than yourselves. 4 Don't look out only for your own interests, but take an interest in others, too.

II. Equipped to Serve – **Story of cutting the grass**

A. Meet the needs of others with heaven's provision.

1. God provides what we need to do His work –

a. **1 Peter 4:10** God has given each of you a gift from his great variety of spiritual gifts. Use them well to serve one another.

2. You have talents that need to be worked. – Matthew 24

B. What is in your hand? – Exodus 4:2

C. Are you willing?

III. Freed to Serve

A. The wrong motive to serve will make serving a burden

B. **Are there ways that we wrongly make serving only about ourselves?**

C. What are some motivations that one can serve?

1. Obligation

2. Recognition or

3. Self-gratification

4. Acceptance or approval

D. The wrong motive not to serve will create rebellion

1. Past hurts

2. Comparison with other churches

3. Believe others don't deserve what you have to offer

E. The right motive will bring freedom to serve

a. What is the right motivation?

1. An understanding of God's Love and what He has done

a. Creates an attitude of gratitude

b. Serve others as unto the Lord - **Colossians 3:23-24. Ecc. 9:10**

2. A right understanding of our relationship with our God

- a. Orphans serve out of duty
 - b. Children serve out of love
 - c.
 - d. How can serving others remind you of your status with Jesus?**
- a. Creates an attitude of love
 - 1.) Son/daughter mentality - will serve from love
 - 2.) Orphan mentality will feel like not enough
- F. Jesus sets the example - heals a servant's ear - **Luke 22:49-51**
 - a. I missed an opportunity to share the gospel when I was caught up in my emotions.

IV. Conclusion - Total Surrender

- A. As disciples of Christ and kingdom citizens, we have a choice! 1. Culture of the world or Kingdom Culture?
- B. As disciples of Christ and kingdom citizens, are we all in?
 - 1. Church of Laodicea – **Revelation 3:14**
- C. As disciples of Christ and Kingdom citizens, we must give and not only receive.
Winston Churchill
“We make a living by what we get, but we make a life by what we give.”
- D. Total Surrender empowers me to do God's will (serve)
 - 1. As I accept being taught, I am empowered to execute God's Word.
 - 2. As opportunities to serve are provided, I am empowered to serve - **John 15:13**

1. Surrender

- 1. We are empowered when we surrender
- 2. Are you all in?