

# Servants to the Core!

*“If I then, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another’s feet.”* John 13:14

I believe that most Christians understand that ministry is what Christianity is all about. We all know that Jesus was a servant, and we want to become servants modeled after His example (Mark 10:45).

Our problem is we live our lives waiting for something big and important which we consider worthy of our involvement. We have an *“I’ll get around to it later”* type of attitude toward our service. Meanwhile, we become accustomed to saying “no” to opportunities for service which come our way because they are mundane or unworthy. The danger of this habit is that we become so accustomed to saying “no” to opportunities for service, that when our big opportunities come—which we’ve been waiting for—we miss it. We’ve said “no” so often we inadvertently say “no” to what we’ve been waiting for.

This is not the way Jesus served others at all. In John chapter 13 he donned a towel and washed his disciples’ feet. Jesus was so accustomed to serving the needs of others even in mundane and ordinary matters, that when His opportunities for greater service arrived, he was ready. He was a servant to the core of His being!

Jesus exhorts us in John 13:15, *“For I have given you an example, that you also should do as I have done to you.”* We, like Jesus, need to develop a servant’s heart. Paul on this same subject in Philippians chapter two said, *“Do nothing from selfishness or conceit, but in humility count others better than yourselves. Let each of you look not only to his own interests, but also to the interests of others”* (Philippians 2:3-4).

I know it is humbling, but the key to Christian service is serving others—as often as the opportunity offers itself. It is saying “yes” to service opportunities. Even the mundane ones.

Love you all!

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