

Luke 17:1-10. Jesus and Serving Others

Living Like Jesus: The Christian Life in Two Events

Living Like Jesus: Get a Group

Living Like Jesus: Go tell Somebody about Him

Living Like Jesus: Know the Point of God's Word

Living like Jesus: Have a Servanthood Mindset

Jesus came to serve the will of the Father

Mark 10:45 For even the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve others and to give his life as a ransom for many."

Jesus teaches servanthood as a core attribute of being His follower

Mk 9:35 "Whoever wants to be first must take last place and be the servant of everyone else."

Jesus models this servanthood that leads with a towel and wash basin

John 13:3-5 "Jesus knew that the Father had put all things under his power, and that he had come from God and was returning to God; ⁴so he got up from the meal, took off his outer clothing, and wrapped a towel around his waist. ⁵After that, he poured water into a basin and began to wash his disciples' feet, drying them with the towel that was wrapped around him."

Jesus: God incarnate is the obedient servant of God's Will

Philippians 2:5-8 "In your relationships with one another, have the same mindset as Christ Jesus: Who, being in very nature God, did not consider equality with God something to be used to his own advantage, rather, he made himself nothing by taking the very nature of a servant, being made in human likeness. And being found in appearance as a man, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to death—even death on a cross!"

Luke 17 *"One day Jesus said to his disciples, "There will always be temptations to sin, but what sorrow awaits the person who does the tempting! ²It would be better to be thrown into the sea with a millstone hung around your neck than to cause one of these little ones to fall into sin. ³So watch yourselves!" "If another believer sins, rebuke that person; then if there is repentance, forgive. ⁴Even if that person wrongs you seven times a day and each time turns again and asks forgiveness, you must forgive." ⁵The apostles said to the Lord, "Show us how to increase our faith." ⁶The Lord answered, "If you had faith even as small as a mustard seed, you could say to this mulberry tree, 'May you be uprooted and be planted in the sea,' and it would obey you! ⁷"When a servant comes in from plowing or taking care of sheep, does his master say, 'Come in and eat with me'? ⁸No, he says, 'Prepare my meal, put on your apron, and serve me while I eat. Then you can eat later.' ⁹And does the master thank the servant for doing what he was told to do? Of course not. ¹⁰In the same way, when you obey me you should say, 'We are unworthy servants who have simply done our duty.'" ¹¹As Jesus continued on toward Jerusalem, he reached the border between Galilee and Samaria. ¹²As he entered a village there, ten men with leprosy stood at a distance, ¹³crying out, "Jesus, Master, have mercy on us!" ¹⁴He looked at them and said, "Go show yourselves to the priests." And as they went, they were cleansed of their leprosy. ¹⁵One of them, when he saw that he was healed, came back to Jesus, shouting, "Praise God!" ¹⁶He fell to the ground at Jesus' feet, thanking him for what he had done. This man was a Samaritan. ¹⁷Jesus asked, "Didn't I heal ten men? Where are the other nine? ¹⁸Has no one returned to give glory to God except this foreigner?" ¹⁹And Jesus said to the man, "Stand up and go. Your faith has healed you."*

17:1-3 **A warning** Be watchful so you don't lead anyone astray
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Don't be a *skandalon* = source of leading others away from God

17:3-4 **A reality** Being God's Family involves repentance and forgiveness
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17:5-6 **A request** Being God's Family grows our faith
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17:7-10 **A parable** suppose = a common occurrence in the day
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17:11-19 **A miracle** 10 lepers healed by grace, 1 returns to Jesus with gratitude
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What having a Servanthood Mindset/Attitude is about:

We get that God owes us nothing

We get that we are to obey God in everything

We get that our servanthood is part of our sonship=family devotion

A Hymn by John Newton, 1779

"Our pleasure and our duty though opposite before, since we have seen his beauty, are joined to part no more. It is our highest pleasure, No less than duty's call; To love Him beyond measure, And serve him with our all... To see the law by Christ fulfilled and hear His pardoning voice transforms a slave into a child and duty into choice."