

MINISTRY: THE SECRET TO GREATNES

How God Meets Your Five Deepest Needs - Part 5

Matthew 23:11 (NIV) (Jesus) *"The greatest among you will be your servant."*

Mark 10:45 (NIV) (Jesus) *"For even the son of man, that's Jesus referring to himself, the son of man did not come to be served but to serve and to give His life as a ransom for many."*

WHAT IT MEANS TO BE A SERVANT

1. SERVANTS LOVE.

John 13:1 NIV) *Having loved His own who were in the world, he now showed them the full extent of His love by serving them.*

1 John 4:19 *We love because he first loved us.*

Galatians 5:13 (MSG) *It is absolutely clear that God has called you to a free life just make sure that you don't use this freedom as an excuse to do whatever you want to do and destroy your freedom rather use your freedom to serve one another in love.*

2. SERVANTS KNOW WHO THEY ARE.

John 13:3-4 (NIV) *Jesus knew that the Father had put all things under His power and that he had come from God and was returning to God. He got up from the meal. He took off his outer clothing and we wrapped a towel around His waist.*

3. SERVANTS MEET NEEDS.

John 13:5 (NIV) *After that he poured water into a basin and he began to wash His disciples' feet, drying them with the towel that was wrapped around him.*

- **To wash feet is to ACT to meet someone's need.**

4. SERVANTS SERVE IMPERFECT PEOPLE.

Luke 22:24 (NIV) *A dispute arose among them as to which one was considered to be the greatest.*

John 13:2 (NIV) *The evening meal was being served and the devil had already prompted Judas Iscariot, son of Simon, to betray Jesus.*

John 13:8-9 (NIV) *"No" said Peter. "You shall never wash my feet." Jesus answered, "Unless I wash you, you have no part with me." "Then Lord," Simon Peter replied, "Not just my feet but my hands and my head as well."*

5. SERVANTS ARE HUMBLE.

What kind of ministry does God love? HUMBLE MINISTRY.

Matt 23:11-12 (NIV) (Jesus) *"The greatest among you will be your servant. For whoever exalts himself will be humbled and whoever humbles himself will be exalted."*

John 13:12-15 *When he had finished washing their feet, he put on His clothes and returned to His place. "Do you understand what I have done for you?" he asks them. "You call me teacher and Lord and rightly so for that is what I am. Now that I, your Lord and teacher, have washed your feet. You also should wash one another's feet. I have set you an example so that you should do as I have done for you. Wash one another's feet."*

John 13:17 (NIV) *"Now that you know these things," Jesus says, "You'll be blessed if you do them."*

