

“Thinking Like a Servant”

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Romans 12:1-2

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Introduction

- A. “Some minds are like _____; thoroughly _____ and _____ set.”
- B. Scripture tells us that the battle is won or lost in the _____ (Rom. 8:5-6; Rom. 12:2; 2 Cor. 10:5; 1 Pet. 1:13).
- C. In chapter 34 of *The Purpose Driven Life*, Rick Warren says that real servants serve God with a mindset of _____.

I. Real Servants Think more about _____ than about _____.

- A. True humility is not thinking _____ of ourselves, but thinking of ourselves _____ (Phil. 2:3-4, 7).
- B. Unfortunately, sometimes a lot of our service can become _____ - _____.
- C. The quality of self-forgetfulness, like faithfulness, is extremely _____ (Phil. 2:20-21).

II. Real Servants Think Like _____, Not _____.

- A. Real servants remember that God _____ it _____.
- B. In the Bible, a steward was a _____ entrusted to _____ an estate.
- C. Am I faithfully _____ the _____ God has entrusted to me?
- D. Our _____ can be a hard thing to manage.
- E. Perhaps the biggest challenge we face trying to be a steward is the handling of _____ (Mt. 6:24).

III. Real Servants Think about their Own _____, Not What Other _____ are _____.

- A. Real servants don't compare, _____, or compete with other servants or ministries (Gal. 5:26).
- B. Real servants just _____ God and keep _____ (Jn. 21:18-22).
- C. Ultimately, it is not our job to _____ someone else's servant (Rom. 14:4).
- D. It's also not our job to _____ ourselves against _____ (Mt. 26:10).

IV. Real Servants Base Their _____ in _____.

- A. Many people are too _____ to be servants.
- B. A great example of serving from a secure _____ is Jesus _____ the _____ of His disciples (Jn. 13:3-4).
- C. Only _____ people can serve.
- D. The closer we get to _____, the less we need to promote _____.

V. Real Servants Think of Ministry as an _____, Not an _____.

- A. Real servants “serve the Lord with _____” (Ps. 100:2).
- B. The way to be the _____ and the _____ is to serve.
- C. If we serve God in this earthly life, we will be _____ in the next life (Jn. 12:26; Heb. 6:10; 1 Cor. 2:9).

Answer Key: Intro.A. concrete, mixed, permanently. B. mind. C. five, attitudes. I. Others, Themselves. I.A. less, less. I.B. self, serving. I.C. rare. II. Stewards, Owners. II.A. owns, all. II.B. servant, manage. II.C. managing, resources. II.D. time. II.E. money. III. Responsibilities, Servants, Doing. III.A. criticize. III.B. trust, serving. III.C. judge. III.D. defend, criticism. IV. Identity, Christ. IV.A. insecure. IV.B. self-image, washing, feet. IV.C. secure. IV.D. Jesus, ourselves. V. Opportunity, Obligation. V.A. gladness. V.B. greatest, happiest. V.C. rewarded.