

**“Portrait of a Servant” (Pt. 2)**

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Matthew 5:3-10

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**Introduction**

- A. To really appreciate \_\_\_\_\_, you have to take your time and contemplate the \_\_\_\_\_.
- B. Charles Swindoll, in his book, *Improving Your Serve*, writes: “In the gallery of His priceless works, the Lord God has included a portrait of vast value. It is the portrait of a servant carefully painted in words that take time to understand and appreciate.”

**I. A Servant is \_\_\_\_\_**

- A. Mercy is “a holy \_\_\_\_\_ of soul, whereby one is moved to pity, and go to the \_\_\_\_\_ of another in misery.” (Arthur Pink)
- B. In the Parable of the \_\_\_\_\_ Jesus painted a portrait of a servant and shows us the three things required for us to show mercy.
  - 1. Mercy requires \_\_\_\_\_ that \_\_\_\_\_.
  - 2. Mercy requires a \_\_\_\_\_ that \_\_\_\_\_.
  - 3. Mercy requires \_\_\_\_\_ that \_\_\_\_\_.
- C. God promises that the merciful will be shown \_\_\_\_\_.

**II. A Servant is \_\_\_\_\_ in \_\_\_\_\_**

- A. The essence of real servanthood has to do with the \_\_\_\_\_.
- B. Being pure in heart has to do with our \_\_\_\_\_ - doing the right \_\_\_\_\_ for the right \_\_\_\_\_.
- C. The Bible reveals that the heart is the seat of all \_\_\_\_\_ (Mt.15:18-19; Jer. 17:9; Prov. 4:23).
- D. God desires His servants to be “\_\_\_\_\_” people who are authentic to the core.
  - 1. God desires His servants to be free from duplicity and \_\_\_\_\_.
  - 2. Real servants who are pure in heart have peeled off their \_\_\_\_\_.
- E. The special blessing for the pure in heart is that they will get to \_\_\_\_\_ (1 Cor. 13:12; 1 John 3:2-3).

**III. Servant is a \_\_\_\_\_**

- A. I believe that the peacemaking of primary concern to Jesus takes place in the context of our most \_\_\_\_\_ relationships.
- B. The urge to \_\_\_\_\_ is the essence of peacemaking.
- C. Verses that encourage us to be peacemakers, include: Rom. 14:19; 12:18; Heb. 12:14; James 3:17-18.
- D. Being a peacemaker requires applying the first \_\_\_\_\_.
- E. The blessings for peacemakers is that they will be called \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_.

**IV. A Servant Endures \_\_\_\_\_**

- A. Not everyone who suffers persecution does so because of \_\_\_\_\_.
- B. Christians are often persecuted by \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ oppressors.
- C. Persecution may also come from people who claim to be \_\_\_\_\_.
- D. We can endure persecution by focusing on the ultimate \_\_\_\_\_ in heaven.

Answer Key: Intro.A. art, masterpiece. I. Merciful. I.A. compassion, relief. I.B. Good, Samaritan. I.B.1. eyes, see. I.B.2. heart, feels. I.B.3. hands, help. I.C. mercy. II. Pure, Heart. II.A. heart. II.B. motive, things, reason. II.C. trouble. II.D. real. II.D.1. hypocrisy. II.D.2. masks. II.E. see, God. III. Peacemaker. III.A. intimate. III.B. reconcile. III.D. six, Beatitudes. III.E. sons, God. IV. Persecution. IV.A. righteousness. IV.B. unbelievers, Government. IV.C. religious. IV.D. reward.