Series: Serving Like Jesus

“Portrait of a Servant” (Pt. 2)  
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Matthew 5:3-10  3.6.16

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.
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.