

Follow-up Studies: Heart of A Servant

When Jesus came to the earth, he came as a suffering servant (Mark 10:45). And he is still a servant, since he always lives to intercede for us (Hebrews 7:25). In following the Master, this is one area that we dare not play down, no matter how unglamorous it may seem. For, as Jesus taught us, the road up is the road down.

- Matthew 20:25-28—The way up is the way of service, opposite the way of the world. Jesus came to serve, not to be served.
- Philippians 2:3-8—Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit. Consider others better than yourselves—then you'll look to see others' needs met. For Jesus to come to earth was the supreme act of self-humiliation. We need to imitate this selfless example in our everyday lives.
- Luke 17:7-10—When we have served, our attitude should be that we have only done our duty. No complaining (Philippians 2:14); no expectation of reward.
- Colossians 3:23-24—Serve with all your heart! Realize that you are serving the Lord Christ, not men.
- Suggested reading: Proverbs 3:27-28, John 13:1-17, Galatians 6:2, 10, Ephesians 6:7-8, Philippians 4:4-7.

Practicals

- Learn to serve without being asked. Look for needs, they are all around you.
- When asked to help in a particular way, be responsible! for example, duties such as children's ministry, ushering, communion, teaching, clean-up, office duty, and food preparation.