

# Being a Servant-

Means: Assaulting this monument:



i.e.

- Have it your way
- Do yourself a favor
- You owe it to yourself
- You deserve a break today

When we talk about assaulting this monument + denying our souls we are not talking about self-esteem

A good self-esteem is not the same as selfishness. A poor self-image is not to be equated with humility or the mark of a servant. Without a healthy self-esteem, without the confidence that God is in us and for us we become easily discouraged + give up.

But we ~~have found out this morning~~ know that we are self-centered people as a result of the fall - we are all born selfish

The epitome of self-centeredness is brought out in (Mark 10: 32-45)

Jesus had just shared with his disciples what was going to happen to him in Jerusalem mocked - spit upon - scourged - and finally killed

But did the disciples commiserate? did they even hear - really hear Jesus? were their hearts touched with concern for Him + what He was facing?

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FOR SERVICE

Def. system

PROFIT-ORIENTED  
FLEXIBILITY

CONFIDENCE  
FOR

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Work 10:30-11:30

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② Apparently, not at all. They were concentrating on themselves ① Peter said "We have left all to follow you - look how sacrificial we are!"

② James + John said - "Tell you what we want you to do for us - give us the ② Thrones, one on your right + one on your left!"

③ Then the rest of the disciples got mad because they had each planned to sit on those same thrones! What selfishness - never even thinking of Christ's ideal, just making sure they could rule over others

This is the way the world system operates - Jesus said so. The Gentiles rule over  
→ "But it is not so among you!"

In God's family there is to be one great body of people: (servants). That's the way to the top in His Kingdom

↳ "Whoever wishes to become great among you shall be your servant!"

Then Jesus adds "For even the Son of Man did not come to be served but to serve, and to give His life a ransom for many!"

So even the Head of the Body - Christ sees Himself as One who serves - giving His life up even for us - the members of His church

↳ How do we overcome this in-bred selfishness + become a servant?

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# How To overcome self-centeredness

## 1. Being a transparent open person

(1 Cor. 2:1-3) - Paul admitted to the Corinthians his weakness, his fear, + his inner trembling. Openness + honesty is the first step in unselfish living - we all try to hide our faults + present our good side when we are <sup>actually all</sup> self-centered - the facade is in <sup>in Christian circles</sup>

But let me encourage you to admit your shortcomings - identify with those you are seeking to serve by presenting yourself with all your warts + failures. That in itself often opens the flood gates of sharing - if they don't feel you are self-righteous + think you're perfect <sup>they will open up.</sup>

## 2. Genuine Humility - "not in persuasive

words of wisdom but in demonstration of the Spirit and of power, that your faith should not rest on the wisdom of men but on the power of God." (1 Cor. 2:4-5)

Mark of Humility

Paul's humility is very authentic - those who worked with Paul became increasingly more impressed with Christ - in him and less impressed with Paul.

When people are discipled by a servant - the Lord Jesus is exalted - they will "fall in love" with Jesus more + more + become more independent of you. <sup>However</sup> as your disciple becomes more mature in the Lord you <sup>should</sup> not be threatened + ignore or leave them, but rather you will stay in touch being aware of their needs + being sensitive as you continue to help

How to correctly self-control uses

open

Cor 2:1-3

power

power

to 2 Cor 13

power

"immunity"

power of God" 1 Cor 2:4-5

Paul

in Christ

power

1 Cor 2:4-5

"God in"

exalted

power