

HE Set the Example!

John 13:14-15

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- As Jesus' disciples we are to imitate our master
- Serving others...It's obvious but it's also ignored or delayed by most people

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1. Serving _____ is one of the most important principles of the Christian faith, as believers we are expected to:

- "Love one another."
- "Care for one another."
- "Pray for one another."
- "Encourage one another."
- "Help one another."
- "Counsel one another."
- "Support one another."
- help the church with a joyful spirit.

2. Serving _____ may not always be easy but as Jesus said in the scripture we just read, *"I have set you an example that you should do as I have done for you"*.

A. _____, we must remember that nothing is too small or big that God won't use it. I pray that as we get into God's Word tonight, we grasp more about out serving and it encourages us to look within...

- Matthew 5:16 In the same way, let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven.
- Hebrews 6: 10 God is not unjust; he will not forget your work and the love you have shown him as you have helped his people and continue to help them.
- Galatians 5:13 You, my brothers and sisters, were called to be free. But do not use your freedom to indulge the flesh; rather, serve one another humbly in love.
- Mark 10:45 For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many."

- 1 Peter 4:10 Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God's grace in its various forms.
- B. In John 13:15, Jesus sets an example for us to follow. After washing His disciples' feet — an act of love, humility, and service — He _____ us to follow His lead and serve one another.
- Jesus said, "I have set you an example that you should do as I have done for you,"
- 3. Jesus showed us that serving others and _____ go hand in hand.

"Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit. Rather, in humility value others above yourselves, not looking to your own interests but each of you to the interests of the others. In your relationships with one another, have the same mindset as Christ Jesus."

Philippians 2:3-5

4. Serving others and genuine _____ go hand in hand.
5. What is our excuse?
 - I'm too _____
 - I don't have a _____
 - I don't know _____ to start or _____ to ask
 - I'm too _____... or too _____
- I. Moses- _____ when he was called by God (Ex 7:7) served until he died _____ (Duet 34:7)
- II. David - _____ (Num 1:3) when he fought Goliath, 30 when he became king (2 Sam 5:4) _____ when he died (1 Kings 2:10)
- III. Mary- _____ (Luke 1:28-56)
- IV. The _____ who provided the 5 loaves and 2 fish to feed 5000 (John 6)
- V. Paul- _____ (conversion on the road to Damascus was about 34AD and was crucified at _____ around 64-67AD)

Follow God's prompting and leading. If He's telling you that you should stop and serve, do it. This doesn't necessarily mean you take on every opportunity presented to you, but when you see a need or know of an area you think you could help with, pray. Ask God, then listen and do what He says. Each one of us can do something.

Examples of areas to serve in this body: Prayer Room, Visitation, Greeting, Golf Cart, Video Ministry, Upkeep of Church, MAC, SAMS, Women's Ministry, Youth, Sunday School, Nursery, Children (VBS), Children's Church (Sun and Wed PM) College and Career, Young Married....