

All in Service

(Matthew 10:24-25)

The purpose of the life of a disciple is to be like Jesus. It is to follow in His footsteps. Probably the greatest thing that can be said about Jesus' life is that He was a servant (Mark 10:42-45). He calls us to be servants as well (John 13:12-17). Are we doing that?

Jesus is the perfect model of a servant because He possessed three important things.

I. Awareness

- A. Jesus was always aware of people's needs.
 - 1. The disciples had a need (John 13:5-6).
 - 2. The paralytic had a more important need than to be healed of his paralysis (Mark 2:1-12). Above anything else he needed God's forgiveness.
 - 3. The 4,000 had a need (Mark 8:1-14).
 - 4. Me and you had a need to be saved from sin (Romans 3:23; 6:23).
- B. Are we like Jesus? See Philippians 2:3-4.

II. Compassion

- A. Jesus had sympathy for the sufferings of others. He demonstrated the exact opposite of the unmerciful slave in Matthew 18:28-30.
 - 1. We see this with the multitudes (Matthew 9:35; 14:14)
 - 2. We see this with the two blind beggars (Matthew 20:34).
 - 3. We see this with the grieving widow of Nain (Luke 7:13).
 - 4. We see this with the 5000 who were hungry (Mark 6:34; 8:2).
 - 5. We see this with me and you (Matthew 18:27).
- B. Are we like Jesus? See Romans 12:15; Philippians 2:3-5.

III. Action

- A. Jesus took Action to help people with their problems.
 - 1. We see this in the case of the disciples (John 13:5).
 - 2. We see this in the case of 5,000 and 4,000 who were hungry (Mark 6:41; 8:6-9).
 - 3. We see this in the case of the grieving widow in Nain (Luke 7:13-14).
 - 4. We see this in the case of the two blind beggars (Matthew 20:34).
 - 5. We see this in the case of me and you (John 15:13; Romans 5:8; 2 Corinthians 5:15; Mark 10:45).
- B. Are we like Jesus?
 - 1. Do we step up and do something to help those in need?
 - 2. Do we have eyes that are aware of people's needs? Do we have hearts that are full of compassion? Do we have hands and feet that are willing to take action to render service?

Conclusion: Jesus hasn't just called us to be servants...

... He was also a servant himself (Mark 10:45).