

# WALKING AS A SERVANT

Everyone enjoys being served, but few enjoy making the effort to serve others. People don't mind being *called* servants, but they do mind being *treated* as servants. The mature Christian is marked by what he will do for others without expecting anything in return.

## CHRIST YOUR EXAMPLE

1. What was Christ's purpose in coming to this world?  
*Mark 10:45*

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2. What are some ways in which Jesus served people?  
*Matthew 9:35*

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3. Read Philippians 2:5-8.

a. Whose example are you to follow? *Verse 5* \_\_\_\_\_

b. What position did Christ take? *Verse 7* \_\_\_\_\_

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c. How did he demonstrate his servanthood? *Verses 7-8*

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4. Consider the command in Philippians 2:3-4.

a. What are you told to do? \_\_\_\_\_

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b. Can you think of any situation in which you are not practicing this attitude of living? \_\_\_\_\_

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c. What can you *do* to correct this? \_\_\_\_\_

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## CHRIST'S DESIRE FOR YOU

5. Read Mark 1:31.

a. After Jesus had served Peter's mother-in-law by healing her, what was her immediate response? \_\_\_\_\_

b. In what ways has Christ helped you? \_\_\_\_\_

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c. What should your response be? \_\_\_\_\_

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6. Whom should you desire to serve?

*John 12:26* \_\_\_\_\_

*Galatians 5:13* \_\_\_\_\_

*Galatians 6:10* \_\_\_\_\_

7. During Christ's last time with the disciples before his death, he demonstrated several things about a serving attitude. Read Luke 22:24-27.

- a. What were the disciples arguing about? *Verse 24*  
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- b. How did Jesus demonstrate his humility? *Verse 27*  
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- c. How should Christ's followers conduct themselves? *Verse 26*  
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- d. How is this contrary to the way the "world" operates? *Verse 25*  
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8. The incident in John 13:1-15 reveals much about Jesus' attitude in serving. List several lessons you can learn from this passage.  
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## GIVING YOURSELF

Christians have been set free in Christ—not to do whatever they please, but to serve. Believers have been set free from sin to serve righteousness (Romans 6:18-19), set free from Satan to serve God (1 Peter 2:16), and set free from self to serve others (Galatians 5:13). Christians are no longer under obligation to serve the things of the old life, but free to serve voluntarily the things of the new life.

9. What did Paul call himself? *2 Corinthians 4:5*  
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How did this basic attitude manifest itself? *2 Corinthians 12:15*  
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10. List several qualities of a good servant.  
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This week ask someone for his definition of a Christian servant. Record his answer here:  
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**KEYS TO BECOMING  
A SERVANT**

**Being Humble**

11. What must you continually keep in mind? *John 13:13, 16*  
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12. As a servant you could develop pride in your serving. What can keep you from doing this? *Luke 17:10*  
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**Observing and Meeting the Needs of Others**

13. The servant is observant. “Ears that hear and eyes that see—the LORD has made them both” (Proverbs 20:12). God intends for you to use what he has given you to listen and observe.
- a. How could you become a better listener? \_\_\_\_\_  
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- b. How could you become a better observer? \_\_\_\_\_  
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(Read Proverbs 24:30-34 for an example of a man who learned by observation.)

14. What needs of others are you aware of which you could help meet?  
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- Read Proverbs 3:27 and 1 John 3:17. What do these verses tell you to do?  
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**Evaluating Your Serving**

15. Stop for a moment and evaluate your serving.
- a. Give an example of when you served another person.  
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- b. Can you think of an example when you failed to serve another person although you were aware of a need?  
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- c. In your opinion, why did you serve one time and not the other?  
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16. Why is it important to serve in the “little” things? *Luke 16:10*  
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**A SERVANT  
GIVES**

One of the most tangible ways to serve others is to meet their material and financial needs. If you are willing to give of that which is tangible, you will be better able to give of that which is intangible—your time, your experience, your love, your life.

17. What principles provide a foundation for New Testament giving?  
*2 Corinthians 8:9* \_\_\_\_\_  
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2 *Corinthians* 9:8 \_\_\_\_\_

18. What promises does God make to those who give? \_\_\_\_\_

2 *Corinthians* 9:6 \_\_\_\_\_

*Philippians* 4:19 \_\_\_\_\_

19. According to the verses in the following chart, to whom should you give? For each verse can you think of a specific person to whom you could give?

	TO WHOM I SHOULD GIVE	SPECIFIC PERSON TO WHOM I CAN GIVE
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*Proverbs* 19:17 \_\_\_\_\_

1 *Corinthians* 9:14 \_\_\_\_\_

*Galatians* 6:6 \_\_\_\_\_

*James* 2:15-16 \_\_\_\_\_

20. Evaluate your giving. \_\_\_\_\_

a. Do you have a plan? \_\_\_\_\_

b. To whom are you giving presently? \_\_\_\_\_

c. Do you need to change any of your giving practices? \_\_\_\_\_

If so, what will you do? \_\_\_\_\_

### Remember These Points

- Jesus Christ was not obligated to become a servant, but he did so voluntarily, giving of himself to meet people's needs.
- Christ has helped all believers, and their response should be to serve him and to serve other Christians.
- Believers must "die to self" in order to live for others. Then we are free to be servants.
- A servant must be humble and observant in little things as well as bigger ones.
- A server is a giver—not only of himself, but also of his material and financial possessions. Each Christian should have a personal plan for financial giving based on scriptural principles.