

IF YOU WANT TO BE GREAT SWEEP THE FLOOR

Matthew 20:20-21 "The wife of Zebedee, the mother of James and John, came to Jesus with her sons. She bowed before Jesus and she asked Him to do something for her. Jesus asked, 'What do you want?' She said, 'Promise that one of my sons will sit at Your right side in Your kingdom and promise that the other son will sit at Your left side.'"

Matthew 20:24 "The other ten followers heard this and they were angry at the two brothers."

Matthew 20:25-27 "He called the followers together. 'The rulers love to show their power of people. The important leaders love to use all of their authority but it should not be that way among you. If one of you wants to be great then he must serve the rest of you like a servant. If one of you wants to become first then he must serve the rest of you like a slave.'"

Matthew 20:28 "So it is with Me, the Son of man. The Son of man did not come for other people to serve Him. He came to serve others. The Son of man came to give His life as the ransom for many."

Why should I be a Servant?

1. I was _____.

Ephesians 2:10 "It is God Himself who has made us what we are and given us new lives from Christ Jesus. Long ago He planned that we should spend these lives in helping others."

2. It proves that _____.

Romans 12:5 "You're part of the body of Christ. Now you belong to Him in order that we might be useful in this service to God."

3. Because serving _____.

Colossians 3:23 "Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord. Not for men. It's the Lord you're serving."

Matthew 25:41-46 "Then he will say to those on his left, 'Depart from me, you who are cursed, into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels. For I was hungry and you gave me nothing to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me nothing to drink, I was a stranger and you did not invite me in, I needed clothes and you did not clothe me, I was sick and in prison and you did not look after me.' They also will answer, 'Lord, when did we see you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or needing clothes or sick or in prison, and did not help you?' He will reply, 'Truly I tell you, whatever you did not do for one of the least of these, you did not do for me.' Then they will go away to eternal punishment, but the righteous to eternal life.'"

4. It gives my _____.

1 Corinthians 15:58 “Keep busy in your work for the Lord since you know that nothing you do in the Lord’s service is ever without value.”

Mark 8:35 “For whoever wants to save their life will lose it, but whoever loses their life for me and for the gospel will save it.”

5. It will be _____.

John 12:26 “... My father will honor the one who serves Me.”

Matthew 25:23 “Well done good and faithful servant. You have been faithful with a few things. I will put you in charge of many things. Come and share in your master’s happiness.”

How do we Serve Others?

1. By developing an _____.

1 Peter 5:5 “And all of you serve each other with humble spirits for God gives special blessing to those who are humble, but sets Himself against those who are proud.”

2. By growing in _____.

Galatians 1:10 “Am I now trying to win the approval of men or of God? If I’m trying to please men I would not be a servant of Christ.”

3. By reminding myself of what _____.

Romans 12:1 “I plead with you to give your bodies to God. Let them be a living sacrifice, holy, the kind He can accept. When you think of what He has done for you is this too much to ask?”

1 Peter 4:10 “God has given each of you some special abilities. Be sure to use them to help each other passing on to others God’s many kinds of blessings.”

4. By pursuing _____.

Proverbs 2:3-5 “Cry out for wisdom. Beg for understanding. Search for it as you would for silver. Hunt for it like hidden treasure. Then you will understand what it means to respect the Lord.”

5. By getting your _____.

Matthew 6:1 “Be careful. When you do good things don’t do them in front of people to be seen by them. If you do that then you have no reward from your Father in heaven.”