



The Servant's Heart

Philippians Two



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- “The human concept of a servant is that a servant goes to the master and says, ‘Master, what do you want me to do?’ The master tells him, and the servant goes off by himself and does it. That is not the Biblical concept of a servant of God. Being a servant of God is different from being a servant of a human master. A servant of a human master works FOR his master. God, however, works THROUGH His servants.” (Henry Blackaby)



Timothy: Who Will Sincerely Care For Your State

- Phil. 2:19-22 - “But I trust in the Lord Jesus to send Timothy to you shortly, that I also may be encouraged when I know your state. 20 For I have no one like-minded, who will sincerely care for your state. 21 For **all seek their own**, not the things which are of Christ Jesus. 22 **But you know his proven character**, that as a son with his father **he served with me in the gospel.**”



Christ: Taking The Form Of A Bondservant

- “Who, existing in the form of God, counted not the being on an equality with God a thing to be grasped” (2:6 ASV).
- “But we see Jesus, who was made a little lower than the angels, for the suffering of death crowned with glory and honor, that He, by the grace of God, might taste death for everyone” (Heb. 2:9).



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- “He humbled Himself and became obedient to the point of death...”
- “Even the death of the cross.”
 - God had never experienced death.
 - He would be entering the realm of the Adversary, Hades, in a vulnerable position to wrest the power of death away from Satan.
 - He would be bearing the burden of all of the sins of the world.
 - He would be facing the shame of crucifixion.



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- Heb. 12:2 - “Looking unto Jesus, the author and finisher of our faith, who for the joy that was set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame, and has sat down at the right hand of the throne of God.”
- 2Cor. 5:21 - “For He made Him who knew no sin to be sin for us, that we might become the righteousness of God in Him.”



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- “The servant’s heart: It made God man, and makes man God; things temporal are made eternal; things mortal are made immortal; it makes an enemy into a friend, a servant into a son, lowly things glorious, cold hearts fiery, and hard things flow as liquid.” (*V. Bede*)



What Does God Expect Of Us In Return?

“Therefore if there is any consolation in Christ, if any comfort of love, if any fellowship of the Spirit, if any affection and mercy, 2 fulfill my joy by being like-minded, having the same love, being of one accord, of one mind. 3 Let nothing be done through selfish ambition or conceit, but in lowliness of mind let each esteem others better than himself. 4 Let each of you look out not only for his own interests, but also for the interests of others” (Phil. 2:1-4).




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- 2:1-4 - To develop the servant's heart
 - Vs 1 - If you enjoyed these things in Christ, then...
 - Vs 2 - ...Render the same things to others,
 - Vss 3-4 - And pursue the best interests and well-being of others.



What Does God Expect Of Us In Return?

- “Some people have a warped idea of living the Christian life. Seeing talented, successful Christians, they attempt to imitate them. For them, the grass on the other side of the fence is always greener. But when they discover that their own gifts are different or their contributions are more modest (or even invisible), they collapse in discouragement and overlook genuine opportunities that are open to them. They have forgotten that they are here to serve Christ, not themselves.” (*W. Graham*)
- “The act of contributing to the lives of others is its own reward. A servant’s heart is a greater, nobler motivator than financial gain.” (*Thomas Kinkade*)



Simply put, when one comes to worship thinking of what others ought to be doing for him rather than what he can do for others, he is still a babe in Christ. When he murmurs about a brother rather than offering his services to him, he is still in spiritual diapers reaching for the baby bottle of the milk of the word. This is not The Servant's Heart.

“Therefore let us, as many as are mature, have this mind” (Phil. 3:15).