

# THE SERVANT KING

THE EXAMPLE OF JESUS | JOHN 13:1-17 NKJV

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# INTRODUCTION – THE SCENE OF THE UPPER ROOM

**The Moment** – One of the most intimate moments of Jesus' ministry.

**The Setting** – The night before His betrayal, the Last Supper.

**The Act** – Jesus stoops to wash His disciples' feet.

**The Meaning** – True greatness is found in humility and service.

# 5 QUESTIONS OF SERVICE

1. What is the Heart of Service?
2. What is the Posture of Service?
3. What is the Challenge of Service?
4. What is the Example of Service?
5. What is the Blessing of Service?

## The Heart of Service

“Having loved His own who were in the world, He loved them to the end.”

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JOHN 13:1 NKJV

## The **Heart** of Service (v.1)

- Service is motivated by love, not obligation.
- Love makes service meaningful and lasting.

Application: **Am I serving out of duty, recognition, or love?**

## The Posture of Service

“Jesus... rose from supper and laid aside His garments, took a towel and girded Himself... and began to wash the disciples’ feet.”

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JOHN 13:3-5 NKJV

## The **Posture** of Service (v.3-5)

- His Identity fuelled His humility — Jesus knew who He was.
- With all authority, He picked up a towel and served.

Application: **Humility is thinking of others more**

## The Challenge of Service

“Peter said... ‘You shall never wash my feet!’ Jesus answered... ‘If I do not wash you, you have no part with Me.’”

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JOHN 13:8 NKJV



## The **Challenge** of Service (v.6-8)

- Jesus instituted Kingdom leadership, by a simple act of service – washing His disciple's feet.
- Jesus came to wash away our sins, our pride, our fears, our doubts – We all need to be washed by Jesus!

Application: **Service can stretch us beyond comfort.**

## The Example of Service

“If I then, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another’s feet.”

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JOHN 13:14 NKJV

## The **Example** of Service (v.12-15)

- Jesus' act was an example, not just a moment.
- Service = discipleship in action.

Application: **Look for “feet to wash” — at home, in church, in community.**

## The Blessing of Service

“If you know these things, blessed are you if you do them.”

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**JOHN 13:17 NKJV**

## The **Blessing** of Service (v.17)

- The blessings come from doing, not just knowing.
- Serving brings true joy and fulfilment.

Application: **Serving may feel costly but leads to greater blessing.**

## Conclusion

- **Service is not weakness — it is greatness in God's Kingdom!**
- **The world measures greatness by how many people serve you!**
- **God measures greatness by how many people you serve.**



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## **Call to Action**

Ask yourself:

- **How can I best serve?**
- **How can I turn my faith into service?**