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## Serve to Be Great

Notice the statement made by Paul in I Corinthians 4:1: *"So then, men ought to regard us as servants of Christ and as those entrusted with the secret things of God."* Be especially careful to recognize that Paul identifies himself and his fellow workers as "servants of Christ." Does that seem a bit strange? Is it right to think of one of God's apostles as being a servant? Shouldn't we expect Paul and his fellow preachers to be served by others? As a matter of fact, developing the heart of a servant is a completely Scriptural concept; there is no doubt that Christian people are encouraged to take on the role of a servant.

It all begins with our Lord and Savior. In Mark 10:45 Jesus said: *"For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many."* Jesus Christ, the Son of God left the glory and splendor of heaven, the adoration of the heavenly hosts to become a servant. Seems rather counterintuitive, doesn't it? The very One who, above all others, should have been served came to this world to provide the ultimate example of what it means to be a servant. Our Lord spoke about the typical ways of mankind in Mark 10:42, indicating that rulers and great men exercise authority over those living under them. But a further insight was given to the apostles in Mark 10:43-44 that likely astounded them: *"Not so with you. Instead, whoever wants to become great among you must be your servant, and whoever wants to be first must be slave of all."*

This is certainly consistent with what we learn from other Scriptures in regard to how a Christian should view servanthood. The apostle Paul pointed to the contrast between living in the world and living as a Christian in Romans 6:18: *"You have been set free from sin and have become slaves to righteousness."* Do Christians often think of themselves as "slaves of righteousness"? We should. Speaking about the different gifts or abilities Christians have and the fact that we should be exercising them, Paul went on to say in Romans 12:7: *"If it is serving, let him serve..."* Some people have a greater capacity to serve than do others and they should be using that ability to the utmost. Paul obviously recognized his obligation to function as a servant from his words recorded in Romans 15:25: *"Now, however, I am on my way to Jerusalem in the service of the saints."*

In Galatians 5:13 we read: *"You, my brothers, were called to be free. But do not use your freedom to indulge the sinful nature; rather, serve one another in love."* Christians are to be united *"...to prepare God's people for works of service, so that the body of Christ may be built up..."* (Ephesians 4:12).

Christians serve one another and by so doing they also serve God and Christ, furthering the Lord's cause and expanding the borders of the kingdom. If we truly have the desire to be great, our Lord gave us the one sure path by which greatness can be attained: develop the heart of a servant.

Adapted from an article by Dennis Stackhouse (La Vista Church of Christ)

**We have a commitment, empowered by the Holy Spirit,**  
**To give glory to God**  
**To be unified in reaching others**  
**To be living witnesses for Christ**

*Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.*  
*Philippians 4:6,7*

**Prayer Needs:**

**Church family:**

Please keep Leo Goodenough and family in your prayers as they mourn the death of grandson John Bowline, as well as Jerry Munn and family in your prayers as they mourn the loss of Jerry’s cousin Thomas Doyle who passed away of Covid-19 and for Camelia Munn who is recovering from a recent surgery. Continue to pray for the improved health of: Ray & Sue Collins, Phyllis Francis, Leo & Wanda Goode-nough, Delores Jensen, Betty Johnson, Brenda Jones, John Leonard, Roy & Lucy McDonald, Jeff & Michelle Mercer, Jerry & Camelia Munn, Dail Paramore, Francis Pati, Jim Scott, Lorenzo Serrano, and Joyce Winings.

**Family & Friends:**

Pray for Stuart’s cousin Joanna who is recovering from injuries she suffered in a recent car accident. Continue to pray for the improved health of Mary Fields, Keith & Lisa Britton, Delores’ brother Len, Marjorie Counts, Kathy’s husband Kevin Ferrell and cousin Bob, Brianna Schaldweiler, Robert Gray, Derek Fields, Dail’s friend Marie, Brenda’s son Uriah, Rossie Stansbury, and Wanda’s daughter Lynette.

**First responders:** Please remember to pray for those who are serving their communities during this difficult time. Phyllis Francis’ granddaughter, Shyanna Francis (EMT) and extended family member Alisha K. (EMT). Dail Paramore and Stuart Huggins family members: Joanna Carter (Nurse), Luther Carter (Naval Officer), Jody Huggins and Jory Huggins (both are MI Patrol Officers). Jerry Munn’s sister, Dr. Janice Massey of N.C. If you have family mem-bers or friends you would like to add to this prayer list, please let Kathy know.

**Military:**

Jeff & Michelle Mercer’s son-in-law Brandon Deusenberry, Jodi Keeth’s brother-in-law Tony Cairo, Glenn Fields and T. Burgess.

**Prayer Warriors Corner**

Father, we praise You, we honor You and we thank You for this day. We know that we can always call on You in our time of need. We can call on You for comfort in times of loneliness, comfort in times of sorrow. Rest in times of weariness, strength in times of weakness, strength in times of temptation. We thank You for Jesus whose death brought us the hope of eternal life. In His name we pray. Amen.

**Frank S. Paramore**

Read: Psalms 150:1-6

**News:**

We have individually wrapped **communion supplies** avail-able. If you would like to pick some up, please contact Kathy and they will be bagged and ready for you when you arrive (Monday - Thursday 9:30 - 12:00).

Community Food Bank needs our support. They are aver-aging 200 people per week during this time. They are especially in need of canned meats/protein. Thank you for your generosity, it is very much appreciated.

**Scripture reading:  
Matthew 20:20-28**

Then the mother of Zebedee’s sons came to Jesus with her sons and, kneeling down, asked a favor of him. “What is it you want?” he asked. She said, “Grant that one of these two sons of mine may sit at your right and the other at your left in your king-dom.” “You don’t know what you are asking,” Jesus said to them. “Can you drink the cup I am going to drink?” “We can,” they answered. Jesus said to them, “You will indeed drink from my cup, but to sit at my right or left is not for me to grant. These places belong to those for whom they have been prepared by my Father.” When the ten heard about this, they were indignant with the two brothers. Je-sus called them together and said, “You know that the rulers of the Gentiles lord it over them, and their high officials exercise authority over them. Not so with you. Instead, whoever wants to become great among you must be your servant, and whoever wants to be first must be your slave - just as the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many.”

**Sermon topic:**

**“Served by Greatness,  
Serve to be Great”**



**Birthdays:**

Beverly Whatley:	7/1
Blake Axsom:	7/15
Yanira Fuentes:	7/18
Betty Johnson:	7/19

**Anniversaries:**

B & A Axsom:	7/19
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I know Love abounds among us but unfortunately we will not have worship at the building during this challenging time.

In the meantime, the expenses of maintaining the building, yard care, property insurance, utilities, etc. continue.

If you can continue your financial support, please mail it to:  
Palm Springs Church of Christ  
P.O. Box 2267  
Palm Springs, CA 92263  
(Checks or money orders - do not send cash)

God bless us all during this time and bless our families too.

**Sermons on YouTube:** For the most recent locally recorded sermon, simply go to the Palm Springs Church of Christ webpage and click on the “sermons” category at the top of the page.

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