

### **Day 33**

Matthew 7.16

Ecclesiastes 11.4

Matthew 6.1

### **Day 33- How Real Servants Act**

A true servant of God is one who serves others. Jesus led the way in this by washing his disciples' feet. We aren't called to be in charge of others or to lead others, but to serve them. God will develop your servant nature by giving you two ministries: one in which you are shaped, and one in which you are needed at the moment.

*Someone who wants to follow God will be open for opportunities to serve.* When we have spare time, yet always fill it up with things that amuse us, we are leaving no time to serve. If you put off your homework until the last minute and then an opportunity to serve comes up, you have to choose between two things you should be doing. Usually you will find you don't have time for your relationship with Christ after you are done with your math. We don't get to choose when we serve in our growing opportunities, we simply make ourselves available by giving ourselves time to respond to God's growth opportunities for us.

*Someone who wants to follow God will also look for areas where they are needed.* Pay attention to others. Yesterday I was at a restaurant and a man I was with started watching the door. We all turned around to see what was happening. Before we knew it he had gotten up to open the door for a woman on crutches. He kept his eyes open and responded as soon as he saw the need, and God made him a little more like Christ that day.

*Someone who wants to follow God does what they can with what they have.* Don't wait until the perfect circumstances arrive. Don't say, "If only." Get going and get closer to God. We are all imperfect and make mistakes. Don't let those shortcomings hold you back from getting closer to God.

*Someone who wants to follow God will also try to do everything that they do with their whole heart.* It doesn't matter how big or needed a task is, it simply matters that by doing it you are serving God and that you give it your all.

*Someone who wants to follow God is faithful.* This means that if you start something, finish it. Don't take on something else, even another opportunity to serve, if you are going to be unable to complete what you have already started. If you say you are going to do something, do people who know you trust that it will get done 100% of the time?

*Someone who wants to follow God doesn't draw attention to themselves.* You have to choose if you are going to serve yourself or God. If you are doing it for people to recognize you or to talk about it, you aren't doing it for God. Most of the people truly serving God don't get a lot of recognition, and when they do they humbly accept it. A true servant is doing what they do for God, and they know that God remembers and rewards those who do his will.

#### **Thinking about my purpose:**

**Know.** I serve God by serving others.

**Remember.** "If you give even a cup of cold water to one of the least of my followers, you will surely be rewarded." -Matthew 10.42 (NLT)

***Think about it.*** Which one of these characteristics of someone who wants to follow God is most difficult for me?