

Called to Serve

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I. Introduction.

- A. Jesus elevated the role of servant to greatness.
- B. Text: Mark 10:42-45.
- C. Greatness only comes by way of leadership.
- D. The only way to serve God is by serving people. (Matthew 25:34-40)

II. Serving involves whatever will help people to grow, live and solve problems.

- A. This involves being a wellspring to weary travelers. (Isaiah 32:2)
- B. Every talent and gift we have been given is for serving others. (1 Peter 4:10-11)

III. Jesus set an example for us in service. (Philippians 2:5; 1 John 4:17; Luke 22:27; 12:37; John 13:4-5; Philippians 2:6-7)

IV. It is difficult to serve because we want everyone to minister to us.

- A. We will be ministered to.
- B. But we should not expect to be ministered to.

V. It is impossible to be a servant apart from Jesus' lordship in our lives.

VI. Acceptable attitudes of service.

- A. Willingness. (Exodus 35; 36:2)
- B. Cheerfulness. (1 Peter 4:9; 1 Corinthians 9:7; Psalm 100:2)
- C. Generousness. (2 Corinthians 8:5; Luke 17:10)
- D. Unselfishness.
- E. Humility. (1 Peter 5:5; Matthew 6:1; Acts 28:3; Mark 6:36-27)
- F. Availability.
- G. Lovingness. (Galatians 5:13; 1 Corinthians 13)

VII. Conclusion. (Colossians 3:23-24)

Application questions:

1. What are some ways that you regularly serve? What are some ways that your service can grow in its attitude?

2. What are some barriers to effective service?

3. Why is it impossible to serve well in our own strength? How do we overcome this?
