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Introduction:

In this text we can see clearly the heart of our Savior. In this passage the Lord is teaching His disciples a very valuable lesson on being a servant and He teaches this lesson by example. He proves that He didn't come to be served but rather to serve.

**Mark 10:45**

<sup>45</sup> For even the Son of man came not to be ministered unto, but to minister, and to give his life a ransom for many.

In showing Himself to be a servant of men, Jesus left us an example of the kind of heart we are to have for others.

Let's consider the lesson our Savior taught these followers as "The Humble Servant" and obey His instructions – "Ye should do as I have done."

# 1. THE WORK OF THE SERVANT (VS 1-5, 18-20)

## John 13:1-5

<sup>1</sup> Now before the feast of the passover, when Jesus knew that his hour was come that he should depart out of this world unto the Father, having loved his own which were in the world, he loved them unto the end. <sup>2</sup> And supper being ended, the devil having now put into the heart of Judas Iscariot, Simon's *son*, to betray him; <sup>3</sup> Jesus knowing that the Father had given all things into his hands, and that he was come from God, and went to God; <sup>4</sup> He riseth from supper, and laid aside his garments; and took a towel, and girded himself. <sup>5</sup> After that he poureth water into a bason, and began to wash the disciples' feet, and to wipe *them* with the towel wherewith he was girded.

## John 13:18-20

<sup>18</sup> I speak not of you all: I know whom I have chosen: but that the scripture may be fulfilled, He that eateth bread with me hath lifted up his heel against me. <sup>19</sup> Now I tell you before it come, that, when it is come to pass, ye may believe that I am *he*. <sup>20</sup> Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that receiveth whomsoever I send receiveth me; and he that receiveth me receiveth him that sent me.

- A. The Love of the Servant (vs 1)
- B. The Life of the Servant (vs 3)
- C. The Labor of the Servant (vs 4-5)

## 2. THE WORD OF THE SERVANT (VS 6-11)

### John 13:6-11

<sup>6</sup>Then cometh he to Simon Peter: and Peter saith unto him, Lord, dost thou wash my feet? <sup>7</sup>Jesus answered and said unto him, What I do thou knowest not now; but thou shalt know hereafter. <sup>8</sup>Peter saith unto him, Thou shalt never wash my feet. Jesus answered him, If I wash thee not, thou hast no part with me. <sup>9</sup>Simon Peter saith unto him, Lord, not my feet only, but also *my* hands and *my* head. <sup>10</sup>Jesus saith to him, He that is washed needeth not save to wash *his* feet, but is clean every whit: and ye are clean, but not all. <sup>11</sup>For he knew who should betray him; therefore said he, Ye are not all clean.

- A. Simon's Shock (vs 6-7)
- B. Simon's Stubbornness (vs 8)
- C. Simon's Submission (vs 9)

## 3. THE WISDOM OF THE SERVANT (VS 12-17)

### John 13:12-17

<sup>12</sup>So after he had washed their feet, and had taken his garments, and was set down again, he said unto them, Know ye what I have done to you? <sup>13</sup>Ye call me Master and Lord: and ye say well; for *so* I am. <sup>14</sup>If I then, *your* Lord and Master, have washed your feet; ye also ought to wash one another's feet. <sup>15</sup>For I have given you an example, that ye should do as I have done to you. <sup>16</sup>Verily, verily, I say unto you, The servant is not greater than his lord; neither he that is sent greater than he that sent him. <sup>17</sup>If ye know these things, happy are ye if ye do them.

A. Example (vs 12-15)

B. Exhortation (vs 16)

Illustration:

Notice that Jesus just didn't serve the ones He preferred. It might have been easy to wash John's feet. After all, John was the "Beloved Disciple." Yet, John and his brother James were always trying to get just a little bit ahead of the others. What about Simon Peter? He was the one who would deny Him three times before dawn. What about Thomas? He was the one who would doubt the word of the others and refuse to believe in the resurrection of Jesus. What about Judas? He was the one who for 30 pieces of silver would sell His Lord to the enemies. Jesus didn't allow any of the considerations to cloud His love or His service! He treated them all equally and, in doing so, taught us a tough lesson.) (Ill. We all have people that we seem to connect with and we have no trouble serving these folks. However, the true servant soon learns that he must serve all and serve them equally. The true servant is not allowed to pick favorites, but must have the heart of Christ and be willing to serve his enemies just as readily as he serves his friends.

**Matthew 5:43-48**

<sup>43</sup> Ye have heard that it hath been said, Thou shalt love thy neighbour, and hate thine enemy. <sup>44</sup> But I say unto you, Love your enemies, bless them that curse you, do good to them that hate you, and pray for them which despitefully use you, and persecute you; <sup>45</sup> That ye may be the children of your Father

which is in heaven: for he maketh his sun to rise on the evil and on the good, and sendeth rain on the just and on the unjust. <sup>46</sup>For if ye love them which love you, what reward have ye? do not even the publicans the same? <sup>47</sup>And if ye salute your brethren only, what do ye more *than others*? do not even the publicans so? <sup>48</sup>Be ye therefore perfect, even as your Father which is in heaven is perfect.

### C. Expectation (vs 17)

Close:

Our Savior left us a wonderful example to follow. His life was lived in service to others. He says to us:

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