

## The Challenge of Servanthood

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### Memory Verse

*"For even I, the Son of Man, came here not to be served but to serve others, and to give my life as a ransom for many."*

(Mark 10:45 NLT)

## Jesus As Our Model For Servanthood.

Philippians 2:5-11

<sup>5</sup> You must have the same attitude that Christ Jesus had. <sup>6</sup> Though he was God, he did not think of equality with God as something to cling to. <sup>7</sup> Instead, he gave up his divine privileges he took the humble position of a slave and was born as a human being. When he appeared in human form, <sup>8</sup> he humbled himself in obedience to God and died a criminal's death on a cross. <sup>9</sup> Therefore, God elevated him to the place of highest honor and gave him the name above all other names, <sup>10</sup> that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, <sup>11</sup> and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

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ut God First In My Life.

*"No one can serve two masters. For you will hate one and love the other; you will be devoted to one and despise the other."* (Luke 16:13a NLT)

(Jesus prayed) *"Father, if you are willing, please take this cup of suffering away from me. Yet I want your will, not mine."* (Luke 22:42 NLT)

(Jesus said) *"Your heavenly Father already knows all your needs, and he will give you all you need from day to day if you live for him and make the Kingdom of God your primary concern."* (Matthew 6:32b-33 NLT)

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rotect My Attitude.

*Your attitude should be the same that Christ Jesus had. Though he was God, he did not demand and cling to his rights as God. He made himself nothing; he took the humble position of a slave and appeared in human form. And in human form he obediently humbled himself even further by dying a criminal's death on a cross.*

(Philippians 2:5-8 NLT)

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## Plant                      **Daily Seeds Of Love and Kindness**                     .

*You know how full of love and kindness our Lord Jesus Christ was. Though he was very rich, yet for your sakes he became poor, so that by his poverty he could make you rich. (2 Corinthians 8:9 NLT)*

*Remember this—a farmer who plants only a few seeds will get a small crop. But the one who plants generously will get a generous crop. (2 Corinthians 9:6 NLT)*

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## Pursue                      **A Lifetime Of Servanthood**                     .

*He sat down and called the twelve disciples over to him. Then he said, “Anyone who wants to be the first must take last place and be the servant of everyone else.” (Mark 9:35 NLT)*

*Then he called his disciples and the crowds to come over and listen. “If any of you wants to be my follower,” he told them, “you must put aside your selfish ambition, shoulder your cross, and follow me. If you try to keep your life for yourself, you will lose it. But if you give up your life for my sake and for the sake of the Good News, you will find true life. (Mark 8:34-35 NLT)*

(Jesus said) “Come, follow me.” (Matthew 4:19a NIV)

### **MY NEXT STEP TODAY IS TO...**

- Commit my life to following Jesus for the **FIRST TIME!**  
*(Admit: I'm a sinner. Accept: Jesus died for my sins. Ask: God forgive me. Allow: God to be Lord.)*
- Memorize Mark 10:45.
- Put God first in my life in the area of \_\_\_\_\_.
- Serve at PFMC by \_\_\_\_\_.

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