

## Being a Servant - Luke 17:1-6

Jesus was a servant / παῖς / king's attendant, usually a son - *Behold my servant, whom I have chosen; my beloved, in whom my soul is well pleased: I will put my spirit upon him, and he shall shew judgment to the Gentiles.19 He shall not strive, nor cry; neither shall any man hear his voice in the streets.*

*Matt 12:18-19*

Philemon was a servant / οἰκετεῖς / domestic household servant: *For perhaps he therefore departed for a season, that thou shouldest receive him for ever; Not now as a servant, but above a servant, a brother beloved, specially to me, but how much more unto thee, both in the flesh, and in the Lord? Philem 1:15-16*

Moses was a servant / θερεφον / voluntary attendant of God, noble: *And Moses verily was faithful in all his house, as a servant, for a testimony of those things which were to be spoken after; Heb 3:5*

*\*\*Servants are trustworthy - Therefore be ye also ready: for in such an hour as ye think not the Son of man cometh. Who then is a faithful and wise servant, whom his lord hath made ruler over his household, to give them meat in due season? Blessed is that servant, whom his lord when he cometh shall find so doing. Matt 24:44-46*

*His lord said unto him, Well done, thou good and faithful servant: thou hast been faithful over a few things, I will make thee ruler over many things: enter thou into the joy of thy lord. Matt 25:21*

*\*\*Servants are those who will be called the greatest: But so shall it not be among you: but whosoever will be great among you, shall be your minister: And whosoever of you will be the chiefest, shall be servant of all. Mark 10:43-44*

*\*\*Servants are obligated to serve their masters and be loyal: And if ye have not been faithful in that which is another man's, who shall give you that which is your own? No servant can serve two masters: for either he will hate the one, and love the other; or else he will hold to the one, and despise the other. Ye cannot serve God and mammon. Luke 16:12-13*

*\*\*Serve Christ in freedom: Art thou called being a servant? care not for it: but if thou mayest be made free, use it rather. For he that is called in the Lord, being a servant, is the Lord's freeman: likewise also he that is called, being free, is Christ's servant. 1 Cor 7:21-22*

*\*\*A True Servant Sees himself as a servant to all men: For though I be free from all men, yet*

*have I made myself servant unto all, that I might gain the more. 1 Cor 9:19*

*\*\*A True Servant Seeks to please God first: As we said before, so say I now again, If any man preach any other gospel unto you than that ye have received, let him be accursed. For do I now persuade men, or God? or do I seek to please men? for if I yet pleased men, I should not be the servant of Christ. Gal 1:9-10*

*\*\*A True Servant Does not strive, apt to teach, gentle: And the servant of the Lord must not strive; but be gentle unto all men, apt to teach, patient, In meekness instructing those that oppose themselves; if God peradventure will give them repentance to the acknowledging of the truth; 2 Tim 2:24-25*

*\*\*A True Servant has Balanced leadership: Simon Peter, a servant and an apostle of Jesus Christ, to them that have obtained like precious faith with us through the righteousness of God and our Saviour Jesus Christ: 2 Peter 1:1*

*Paul, a servant of Jesus Christ, called to be an apostle, separated unto the gospel of God, Romans 1:1*

*\*\*A True Servant Recognizes God-given authority: For I have given you an example, that ye should do as I have done to you. 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. If ye know these things, happy are ye if ye do them. John 13:15-17*

*Remember the word that I said unto you, The servant is not greater than his lord. If they have persecuted me, they will also persecute you; if they have kept my saying, they will keep yours also. But all these things will they do unto you for my name's sake, because they know not him that sent me. John 15:20-21*

*\*\*A True Servant Works continually: And the Lord said, Who then is that faithful and wise steward, whom his lord shall make ruler over his household, to give them their portion of meat in due season? Blessed is that servant, whom his lord when he cometh shall find so doing. Of a truth I say unto you, that he will make him ruler over all that he hath. Luke 12:42-44*

*\*\*A True Servant Does More Than His Duty: So likewise ye, when ye shall have done all those things which are commanded you, say, We are unprofitable servants: we have done that which was our duty to do. Luke 17:10*