

How a Servant Thinks:

God is more interested in *why* we do something than in *what* we do.

Servants serve God with a mindset of 5 attitudes:

- **Servants think more about others than about themselves.**

True humility: not thinking less of ourselves, but thinking of ourselves less!
When was the last time you emptied yourself for someone else's benefit?

- **Servants think like stewards, not owners.**

More people are sidetracked by serving individualistic materialism than anything else.
How are you handling the resources God has entrusted you? Time, money, etc?

- **Servants think about their work, not what others are doing.**

They don't compare, criticize, or compete with other servants.

- **Servants base their identity/worth in Christ, as a Child of God.**

- **Servants think of their ministry/life as an *opportunity*, not an *obligation*.**

How do I show that I am more concerned about serving others than being served?

How a Servant Acts:

- God determines greatness by how you serve, not how many people serve you.

- Your servant's heart will reveal your maturity. No special talent or gift is required to stay after a meeting to pick up trash or stack chairs. Jesus said, "You can tell what they are by what they do."

- **Servants make themselves available to serve.**

Servants don't fill up their time with other pursuits (even "Good" ones) that could limit their availability.
If you only serve when it's convenient for you, you're not a real servant. Real servants do what's needed, even when it's inconvenient, often staying till it's over (when it's "Really" over).

- **Servants pay attention to needs.**

Servants are always on the lookout for ways to help others.

- **Servants do their best with what they have.**

If you wait for perfect conditions, you'll never serve or get anything done.

- **Servants do every task with equal dedication.**

Nothing was beneath Jesus, because he came to serve. It wasn't *in spite of* His greatness that he did these things, but *because of* it, and he expects us to follow.

There will always be more people willing to do **Great things** for god than there are people willing to do the "little" things. Are we willing to do what nobody else will do?

- **Servants are faithful to their ministry.**

Servants finish their tasks, fulfill responsibilities, keep promises, and complete their commitments.

- **Servants maintain a low profile.** - *Notice how often Jesus retreated from the crowds/notoriety!*

Notoriety means nothing. Servants know the difference between prominence and significance.

In heaven, God will reward those who served and who we've never heard of.

- **Which of the 6 characteristics is the greatest challenge to you?**

Short Reading Plan to reflect on the days leading up to Easter

Thus. - John 13; Fri - John 14; Sat - John 15