

*Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up. <sup>10</sup>Therefore, as we have opportunity, let us do good to all people, especially to those who belong to the family of believers. Gal. 6:9-10*

If we're striving to be like Him, no task is beneath us, no person is below us, and no legitimate sacrifice is too great. From Jesus' point of view, servanthood is the path to significance. *"In the kingdom, the way up is down!"*

***Now that you know these things, you will be blessed if you do them.*** John 13:17

- Give website address and info. Assignments for this week.
- Mention children and youth, International student ministry.

### **Matt. 6:1-17**

*"Take care! Don't do your good deeds publicly, to be admired, because then you will lose the reward from your Father in heaven. Matt. 6:1*

Jesus is making two statements about giving, prayer and fasting.

- 1. Do it in secret.** Then God will reward you.  
Ice Cream (Now) vs. Hagen-Daas Factory. (Heaven)
- 2. Do it unto God.**

*"I belong to Jesus. He must have the right to use me without consulting me."*

- Mother Teresa

### **2. See serving as an act of Love.**

The response to John 3:16 is I John 3:16.

*This is how we know what love is: Jesus Christ laid down his life for us. And we ought to lay down our lives for our brothers. <sup>17</sup>If anyone has material possessions and sees his brother in need but has no pity on him, how can the love of God be in him? <sup>18</sup>Dear children, let us not love with words or tongue but with actions and in truth. 1 John 3:16-18*

### **2 Sam. 23:13-17**

### **3. See serving as an act of Surrender.**

*"Right here we must see the difference between choosing to serve and choosing to be a servant. When we chose to serve, we are still in charge. We decide whom we will serve and when we will serve. And if we are in charge, we will worry a great deal about anyone stepping on us, that is, taking charge over us. But when we choose to be a servant, we give up the right to be in charge. There is great freedom in this. If we voluntarily choose to be taken advantage of, then we cannot be manipulated. When we choose to be a servant, we surrender the right to decide when we will serve. We become available and vulnerable. – Richard Foster*

**Security proceeds service.**

### **Jesus - John 13:1-17**

## Revolution 5 - Serving: Beyond Volunteering

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*For who is greater, the one who is at the table or the one who serves? Is it not the one who is at the table? But I am among you as one who serves. Luke 22:27*

Goes against taking care of #1. Protect yourself... stand up for your rights.

We all serve and now and then. There is a difference between volunteering and being a servant. Or Having a SERVANT'S HEART

...You are not your own; you were bought with a price... 1 Cor 6:19-20

**Dr. David Hilfiker's** hero is **Henri Nouwen**. A brilliant theologian, a tenured professor at Yale but listen to what he said at the height of his success.

*"I felt I needed something else because my spiritual life was not deep. I'm just a fragile person, and I knew that I wasn't rooted deeply enough in Christ. I wanted something more"*

He closed shop and moved to a small community in Richmond Hill, Ontario, and became a pastor to a group of mentally disabled kids many people thought he was throwing his life away, caring for the most basic needs such as changing diapers of disabled kids.

### How to properly view serving.

For God is working in you, giving you the desire to obey Him and the power to do what pleases Him. Phil. 2:13 NLT

#### 1. See serving as an act of Worship.

People are hard to serve. Not worthy, appreciative, reciprocating. But we are not serving people, we are serving God. **We are choosing to honor God over ourselves.**

*"Nothing disciplines the inordinate desires of the flesh like service, and nothing transforms the desires of the flesh like serving in hiddenness. The flesh whines against service but screams against hidden service. It strains and pulls for honor and recognition. It will devise subtle, religiously acceptable means to call attention to the service rendered. If we stoutly refuse to give in to this lust of the flesh, we crucify it. Every time we crucify the flesh, we crucify pride and arrogance."*

- Richard Foster