

# **SERVICE**

#### **Spiritual Sweat – Part 4**

February 3, 2013

# "Learn the lesson that, if you are to do the work of a prophet, what you need is not a scepter but a hoe."

[Jesus] "rose from supper and laid aside His garments, took a towel and girded Himself. After that, He poured water into a basin and began to wash the disciples' feet, and to wipe them with the towel with which He was girded." John 13:4-5

"If I then, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another's feet. For I have given you an example, that you should do as I have done to you." Jn 13:14-15

Service is something	because a slave is something
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"You know that those who are considered rulers over the Gentiles lord it over them, and their great ones exercise authority over them. Yet it shall not be so among you; but whoever desires to become great among you shall be your servant. And whoever of you desires to be first shall be slave of all. For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give His life a ransom for many." Mark 10:42-45

"Let this mind be in you which was also in Christ Jesus, who, being in the form of God, did not consider it robbery to be equal with God, but made Himself of no reputation, taking the form of a bondservant, and coming in the likeness of men." Philippians 2:5-8



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## CHOOSING TO SERVE VS CHOOSING TO BE A SLAVE

1. Looking at	VS looking at	
2. Service in terms of size VS no such thing as big/small service		
3. Requires	rewards VS doesn't see any	
4. Chooses whom to serve VS		
5. Chooses when to serve VS		
6. Job I do VS		
7. Leads to division vs builds authentic community		
KEY TO SERVICE: knowing	g who and who	
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"Jesus, knowing that the Father had given all things into His hands, and that He had come from God and was going to God, rose from supper and laid aside His garments, took a towel and girded Himself." John 13:3-4

### The Prayer of a Slave (doulos)

Lord, please help me to follow your example of servanthood. Create in me a heart of humility that will not allow fame and status to get in the way of service. Please help me to look and sound not only like a servant, but also to serve whole-heartedly by washing feet, whatever shape and form this may take. Lord, please make me a servant like you! Amen.