

Servant or Master?

Are you a servant or master?

The best masters know how to serve the ones they have been put in authority over. Instead of being a dictator or a drill sergeant they move people into transformation and action by the way they speak, move and live. Too often when we have found freedom through Jesus Christ we put ourselves in the position of master or lord.

“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.” John 13:16

Not knowing or forgetting that the greatest are servants.

“And whosoever will be chief among you, let him be your servant: Even as the Son of man came not to be ministered unto, but to minister. And to give his life a ransom for many.”
Matthew 20:27-28

AT the same time came the disciples unto Jesus, saying, who is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven? And Jesus called a little child unto him, and set him in the midst of them, and said, Verily I say unto you, except ye be converted, and become as little children, ye shall not enter into the kingdom of heaven. Matthew 18:1-3

When someone elevates themselves, to lord or master they are serving pride and self.

“Know ye not, that to whom ye yield yourselves servants to obey. His servants ye are to whom ye obey; whether of sin unto death, or of obedience unto righteousness?” Romans 6:16

The best position we could ever be in is one of a servant because this is the closest position to following Jesus Christ.

“But made himself (Jesus) of no reputation, and took upon him the form of a servant, and was made in the likeness of men.” Philippians 2:7

Paul understood being a servant to others and followed in the footsteps of Jesus to serve others for one purpose so they too could be set free.

“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 Corinthians 7:22

“For though I be free from all men, yet have I made myself servant unto all, that I might gain the more.” 1 Corinthians 9:19

We must be His humble servants and remember that “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; and that they may recover themselves out of the snare of the devil who are taken captive by him at his will.”¹

And always remember to not use this freedom for an occasion to sin.

“For, brethren, ye have been called unto liberty; only *use* not liberty for an occasion to the flesh, but by love serve one another.” Galatians 5:13

“As free, and not using your liberty for a cloke of maliciousness, but as the servants of God.” 1 Peter 2:16

My friends I pray that you will be a servant of the Lord Jesus Christ and do His will in all things and then one day in the future you will hear “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 the Lord.”²

1. 2 Timothy 3:24-26
2. Matthew 25:21