

Defining A Servant's Role

Series: Following Jesus: Servanthood

Romans 12:1-8 (0832)

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I. The attitude of a servant (v. 1)

Romans 12:1-8 ¹Therefore, I urge you, brothers, in view of God's mercy, to offer your bodies as living sacrifices, holy and pleasing to God—this is your spiritual act of worship.

a. The motivating factor in servanthood

NLT When you think of what he has done for you, is this too much to ask?

b. The worshipping servant

TM Take your everyday, ordinary life—your sleeping, eating, going-to-work, and walking-around life—and place it before God as an offering.

II. The assignment of a servant (v. 2)

a. The general assignment of a servant

Romans 12:2a ²Do not conform any longer to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind.

b. The specific assignment of a servant

Romans 12:2b Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is—his good, pleasing and perfect will.

III. The aptitude of a servant (v. 3-8)

a. God has uniquely equipped us for the role we are to play

Romans 12:3-6a ³For by the grace given me I say to every one of you: Do not think of yourself more highly than you ought, but rather think of yourself with sober judgment, in accordance with the measure of faith God has given you. ⁴Just as each of us has one body with many members, and these members do not all have the same function, ⁵so in Christ we who are many form one body, and each member belongs to all the others. ⁶We have different gifts, according to the grace given us.

b. Among the gifts a servant might have—the gift of service

Romans 12:6b-8 If a man's gift is prophesying, let him use it in proportion to his faith. ⁷If it is serving, let him serve; if it is teaching, let him teach; ⁸if it is encouraging, let him encourage; if it is contributing to the needs of others, let him give generously; if it is leadership, let him govern diligently; if it is showing mercy, let him do it cheerfully.