

## *The Message Notes*

**Series:** Following Christ

**Message:** *Lifestyle of a Servant*

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**Text:** Mark 10:45, Mark 9:25

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**Objective:** to teach the principles of following Christ and the lifestyle of a servant.

**Introduction:** Along with being spiritual, getting away to a solitary place, and living a simplified lifestyle, Jesus lived the life of a Servant.

**Mark 10:45.** “For even the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve others, and to give his life as a ransom for many.” (NLT)

Lifestyle of a Servant:

- Jesus embodied it – “Son of man came not to be served”
- Jesus taught it – “but to serve”
- Jesus modeled it – “give His life as a ransom for many”

**Mark 9:25.** He sat down, called the twelve disciples over to him, and said, “Whoever wants to be first must take last place and be the servant of everyone else.” (NLT)

Greatness in God’s kingdom

- First (honored) is last (serve)
- Servant of everyone

“The greatest position in the kingdom is a servant.”

**PRINCIPLE:** If you desire to be first (honored) in the church, you must become a servant and serve at the will of others.

### **PRESCRIPTION:**

1. Submit to God’s authority - **John 5:30.** “I can do nothing on my own. I judge as God tells me. Therefore, my judgment is just, because I carry out the will of the one who sent me, **not my own will.**” (NLT)

**Lifestyle of a Servant:** “to serve God’s will.”

2. Serve at the will of others – **Mark 9:25b.** “Whoever wants to be first must take last place and be the **servant** of everyone else.” (NLT)

3. Finish the work – **John 17:4.** “I have **glorified** you I have **finished** the work which You have given Me to do.” (NKJV)

**REFLECTION:**

1. Do you see yourself as God's servant? \_\_\_\_\_

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2. Can you serve God and not serve man? \_\_\_\_\_

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3. Give examples of serving others in the church, marriage, job, etc.

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4. How should your service be done? I Corinthians 16:14

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5. How do you serve God? I Samuel 12:24

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6. Name three traits of a servant of God:

a) \_\_\_\_\_

b) \_\_\_\_\_

c) \_\_\_\_\_

7. How did Jesus show His security in being the Son of God but the Servant of Man according to John 13:12-17?

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