

## ARE WE SERVANTS OF GOD?

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Matthew 23:11 states, *“But he that is greatest among you shall be your servant.”* (KJV). If we understand this, then we will be working continually to acquire the characteristics and attitude of a servant of God. Our Lord taught that if we would be truly great in “His Kingdom, we must develop a heart of a servant.” You say, what are some of the characteristics and attitude? I thought I was doing quite well. Let us examine some and you look at yourself and see if you fit the mold.

As a faithful servant, I will not be rebellious against God, His word, or to those who are looking out for my soul (the elders). I will not be rebellious over my parents, employers, leaders of this nation, etc. To do so would be completely out of line with the entire notion of servant hood. 1 Peter 5:5-7 (KJV).

If I possess a servant’s heart, then I am always ready and willing to do any job that needs to be done, even when it is not the job that I desired to do. Some tasks are difficult and receive little recognition or support, but I’ll accomplish these anyway. After all, I shouldn’t be doing my work to put on a show for men. Matthew 6:5 (KJV).

With a servant’s heart, I will worry less (and strive not to worry at all) about how others serve me, and I will be more and more interested in finding ways to serve others, *“But it shall not be so among you: but whosoever will be great among you, let him be your minister; And whosoever will be chief among you, let him be your servant”.* (Matthew 20:26-27).

As I continue to increase in these attributes as a servant, I will begin to see my needs and myself as less important in the “bigger picture” of things. *“For I say, through the grace given unto me, to every man that is among you, not to think of himself more highly than he ought to think; but to think soberly, according to God hath dealt to every man the measure of faith”* (Romans 12:3 KJV).

At last but not least, as a servant who is seeking to please God, I will grow in the realization that my work is never done. That I have ever done as much as I could have done. *“So likewise ye, when ye shall have done all those things which are commanded you say, ‘we are unprofitable servants: we have done that which was our duty to do’ ”* (Luke 17:10 KJV).