

Connecting with God: The Servants Heart

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[John 13:3-5,12-15](#)

3 Jesus knew that the Father had put all things under his power, and that he had come from God and was returning to God; 4 so he got up from the meal, took off his outer clothing, and wrapped a towel around his waist. 5 After that, he poured water into a basin and began to wash his disciples' feet, drying them with the towel that was wrapped around him. 6-11 ... 12 When he had finished washing their feet, he put on his clothes and returned to his place. "Do you understand what I have done for you?" he asked them. 13 "You call me 'Teacher' and 'Lord,' and rightly so, for that is what I am. 14 Now that I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also should wash one another's feet. 15 I have set you an example that you should do as I have done for you."

The Servants Heart...

1. FEELS CLOSEST TO GOD WHEN THEY ARE SERVING OTHERS ON CHRIST'S BEHALF

To serve someone in the name of Christ is to love God Himself.

The Servants Heart is...

2. MODELED BY CHRIST HIMSELF

True servanthood is fueled by:

- KNOWING OUR POWER SOURCE
[John 13:3](#) Jesus knew that the Father had put all things under his power..
- KNOWING WHOSE WE ARE
[John 13:3](#) ... Jesus knew that he had come from God...
- KNOWING OUR PROMISED FUTURE
[John 13:3](#) ... Jesus knew that he was returning to God

[John 13:5](#) ... So he began to wash his disciples' feet...

[John 21](#) "Do you love me? Feed my sheep."

The Servants Heart...

3. EMULATES THE HEART OF CHRIST THROUGH SERVANTHOOD

[Matt 20:26, 28](#)

"26... Whoever wants to become great among you must be your servant, 27... 28 just as the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many."

[John 13:12, 14-15](#)

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The Servants Heart can be vulnerable to...

4. FOCUSING TOO MUCH ON TEMPORARY PHYSICAL NEEDS RATHER THAN ETERNAL REWARD

[Mark 8:36](#)

"What good is it for a man to gain the whole world, yet forfeit his soul?"