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## A SERVANT'S HEART

Our Lord taught that if we would be truly great in His kingdom, we MUST develop a servant's heart. "But he that is greatest among you shall be your servant" (Matthew 23:11). If we understand this truth, then we will be working more and more to acquire the attitudes and characteristics of a servant. What are some of these?

If I possess a servant's heart, then I will be ready and willing to do any job that needs to be done, even when it is not the job I really wanted to do. Some tasks are difficult and receive little recognition, but I'll do these anyway. After all, I shouldn't be doing my works to be "seen of men" (Matthew 6:1 ff).

With a servant's heart I will worry less (ultimately none at all) about how others serve me, and I will be more interested in finding ways to serve others. "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 a faithful servant, I will not be rebellious against God, the things taught in His word, or to those who are in authority over me (elders, parents, employers, etc). To do so would be completely contradictory to the whole notion of servanthood (I Peter 5:5-7).

As I grow in these attributes of a servant, I will begin to see myself and my needs as less important in the "bigger scheme" 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 as God has dealt to every man the measure of faith (Romans 12:3).

And finally, as a servant who is seeking to please God, I will grow in the realization that my work is never done - that I have never done as much as I could have or should have done. "So likewise you, when you shall have done all those things which are commanded you, say, We are unprofitable servants: we have done only that which was our duty to do" (Luke 17:10).

Greg Gwin

# Bulletin Board

Sermon  
Notes:

AM Lesson - Steve - "How Wide, How Long, How High"  
PM Lesson - Jack - "Save The Fragments"

**NEWS AND NOTES:** Curby finally made it home from the hospital. Hope he is feeling well enough to be out with us today. Rebecca is close to her "delivery" date. Continue to remember her. We should have visitors today from the Medical Center. Seems there are Christians from all over who come to Houston for treatment. What a blessing to us to be able to help them in some small way.

One of the leading items of news this week is that Micah Williams was baptized on Wed. night following Bible Study. What a joy for her, her family, and her spiritual family.

We have a new quarter beginning next Sunday. Adult classes are: New Testament Epistles (Eph. Col. Timothy and Titus). Old Testament: Wisdom Literature (Eccl. and Prov.) Steve will be the lead teacher in the New Testament class. Jack will lead in the Old.

This year our singing will be combined with a short gospel meeting. Tony Mauck will speak Friday, Oct. 4th. Our singing is the 5th, followed by another lesson. Be sure to mark your calendar. We'll have invitations available shortly.

## Assignments for today

Sunday, August 25, 2013

### Morning Service

Announcements.....Bob Ward  
Hymn Director.....Greg Williams  
Scripture Reading.....Mark 8:31  
Scripture Reader...Terry Walker  
Opening Prayer.....Bill Hill  
Closing Prayer.....Bob Ward

### Evening Service

Hymn Director.....Mark Mann  
Opening Prayer.....Chris Cecil  
Closing Prayer.....Bob Ward

## On God's Side

In life, it is rather normal for people to be on a side. When people go to a ball game, even though the teams playing are not related to some of the spectators, the spectators can't long remain neutral - they begin pulling for one side or the other. People who do not follow baseball through the long month of the season get interested in the world series each fall, and each one finds himself somewhat in favor of one of the teams.

But in religion, one of the most vital issues of life, there are too many who do not want to take sides; and they think it is terrible when others do. There were two sides at Mt. Sinai - those who worshipped the golden calf and those who didn't. Moses came down from the mountain and shouted, "Who is on the Lord's side?" The Lord had a side, and everybody should have been on His side. And the same is true today. We need to find the Lord's side in life and stand on that side with all our might, for that is what He would have us do.

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*"The more we count the blessings we have, the less we crave the ones we don't."*

*"Few things are more dangerous to a person's character than having nothing to do and plenty of time in which to do it."*

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### Schedule of Services

#### Sunday:

9:30 AM Worship  
11:00 AM Bible study  
5:00 PM Worship

#### Wednesday:

7:30 PM Study and Devotional  
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