

Introductions All Around

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I. Introduction.

- A. A Christian must first view himself as a servant or slave of Christ.
- B. This describes our relationship with Christ.
- C. This is difficult because we value our freedom so much.

II. The servant's example.

- A. Jesus showed such absolute submission that he gave up his own life.
- B. Servants are not greater than their masters, so we ought to be willing to do the same.
- C. Jesus' attitude was service.

III. The servant's experience.

- A. Servants are by nature slaves to something.
- B. When someone sets you free, your attitude is service out of a heart of gratitude. (Romans 6)
- C. The person that is freed most is the one who loves most. (Exodus 21)

IV. The servant's expression. (Philippians 2, 2 Timothy 2:4)

- A. We are to be slaves to the gospel.
- B. Christ is sold on people so we are to be also.

V. Christians are also saints.

- A. Saints are Christians. When one becomes a Christian, he or she is set apart for God.
- B. Saints are special to God. (1 Peter 2:9)
- C. Saints are secure before God. (Philippians 1:1)
- D. Saints are sanctified in their behavior.

Application questions:

1. Why does our culture have such a difficult time with the idea of being a servant?

2. What does it mean to be a saint?

3. How should Christians think of service in light of Christ's model? Explain.
