

BLESSED to be a BLESSING – Serve

THE ROBE AND THE APRON

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.
- *John 13: 3-5*

1) THE BLESSINGS OF A LIFETIME OF SERVICE

- **Authority**

And I confer on you a kingdom, just as my Father conferred one on me, - *Luke 22:29*

- **The Kingdom**

so that you may eat and drink at my table in my kingdom and sit on thrones, judging the twelve tribes of Israel. - *Luke 22:30*

- **A Blessed Life**

Now that you know these things, you will be blessed if you do them. - *John 13:17*

- **Inheritance**

since you know that you will receive an inheritance from the Lord as a reward. It is the Lord Christ you are serving. - *Colossians 3:24*

- **His Presence**

- **Honour**

Whoever serves me must follow me; and where I am, my servant also will be. My Father will honour the one who serves me. - *John 12:26*

- **Ego Defeated**

Jesus knew that the Father had put all things under his power, and that he had come from God and was returning to God; - *John 13:3*

For who is greater, the one who is at the table or the one who serves? Is it not the one who is at the table? But I am among you as one who serves. - *Luke 22:27*

2) THE BASICS OF A LIFETIME OF SERVICE

- **You have to die to self**
- **You can't lead, you have to follow**
²⁴Very truly I tell you, unless a grain of wheat falls to the ground and dies, it remains only a single seed. But if it dies, it produces many seeds. ²⁵Anyone who loves their life will lose it, while anyone who hates their life in this world will keep it for eternal life. ²⁶Whoever serves me must follow me; and where I am, my servant also will be. My Father will honour the one who serves me.
- *John 12:24-26*
- **Stop trying to be the Greatest**
A dispute also arose among them as to which of them was considered to be greatest. - *Luke 22:24*
- **You have to do your best**
Slaves, obey your earthly masters in everything; and do it, not only when their eye is on you and to curry their favour, but with sincerity of heart and reverence for the Lord. - *Colossians 3:22*
- **You have to do it with all your heart**
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- **Always ready**
Whoever serves me must follow me; and where I am, my servant also will be. My Father will honour the one who serves me. - *John 12:26*
- **'Whatever' as an act of Worship**
Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord, not for human masters - *Colossians 3:23*

3) EXAMPLES OF A LIFETIME OF SERVICE

Moses

Elijah
Paul
The Lord Himself