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*But Jesus called them to Himself and said,
“You know that the rulers of the Gentiles lord it over them, and
their great men exercise authority over them. It is not this way
among you, but whoever wishes to become great among you shall
be your servant.”*

Matthew 20:25-26

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Introduction

The greatest among you shall be your servant. (Matthew 23:12) Non-Christians think being a servant of Christ, you lose control of your life. This is a lie that Satan puts in the minds of unbelievers, telling them they are free without Christ, when actually they are slaves to the world. When we live as servants of Christ, he sets us free and enables us to overcome the world. The best position in the world is living free each day as a servant for Christ, the creator of all things.

Mind of Christ

Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is—his good, pleasing and perfect will. (Romans 12:2) God's plan is to renew our minds to the mind of Christ so we can become servants of

the Lord. As we serve the Lord our minds and hearts are continuously changing so we conform to the image of Christ

God renews our minds to the mind of Christ by changing our thoughts. When we stop thinking about something for months and years it rarely enters our mind, in fact it may be totally forgotten. God renews our minds as we read the Word, pray, and fellowship with other Christians, because this keeps our thoughts more on God. Old neural connections go away and the new neural connections are made as we change our thoughts. The time for our brains to rewire depends on how much we replace old sinful thoughts with Godly pleasing thoughts. We can realize a change in our thinking in few weeks depending on the change in our thinking.

The Holy Spirit Makes us Servants

When we accept Christ as our Lord and Savior with a repentant heart and baptized, we receive the Holy Spirit who lives in us

forever. *If you love me, keep my commands. And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another advocate to help you and be with you forever—the Spirit of truth. The world cannot accept him, because it neither sees him nor knows him. But you know him, for he lives with you and will be in you.* (John 14:15-17) The Holy Spirit lives in the believer and connects us to Christ. *But when he, the Spirit of truth, comes, he will guide you into all the truth. He will not speak on his own; he will speak only what he hears, and he will tell you what is yet to come.* (John 16:13) The Spirit speaks only what he hears which means Christ speaks to us through the Spirit and we speak to Christ through Spirit. We seek to hear Christ, for example while reading the Word He will speak thoughts into our minds.

Now that we have accepted Christ as our Lord and Savior, and we are connected to Christ through the Spirit, we are now ready to fill our minds with the Word. *For who knows a person's thoughts except their own*

spirit within them? In the same way no one knows the thoughts of God except the Spirit of God. We have the Spirit of God enabling us to understand the Word, and if we meditate on scripture it will reside in our long-term memory. Knowing the Word is essential in being a servant of the Lord, because life is in God's Word. *The Spirit gives life; the flesh counts for nothing. The words I have spoken to you--they are full of the Spirit and life.* (John 6:63) Learning scripture equips us to be a servant of Christ. The more we know the Word the better we can serve.

We have the Spirit and we are learning to follow the Spirit. *I am the vine; you are the branches. If you remain in me and I in you, you will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing.* (John 15:5) Christ lives in us through the Spirit, and we seek His guidance for scriptures, because Christ knows which scriptures a person needs to hear. *Since we live by the Spirit, let us keep in step with the Spirit.* (Galatians 5:25) We

go through our days serving the Lord and we pray every day for the His guidance, and to open doors for ministering to others.

Heart of a Servant

I will give them a heart to know that I am the LORD, and they shall be my people and I will be their God, for they shall return to me with their whole heart. (Jeremiah 24:7) The Lord gives us a new heart through the indwelling Holy Spirit. *But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control.* (Galatians 5:22-23) The fruit of the Holy Spirit is love, and the other fruit comes from a heart of God's love. Now we know God's love in our minds, but God transfers His love into our hearts.

If you love me, you will keep my commandments. (John 14:15) It's love in our hearts that motivates us to serve Christ. *We love because he first loved us.* (1 John 4:19) We know the love the Father and the Son have for us because Jesus took our sins to

the cross. The love Christ has for us touches our hearts to serve Him.

No one has ever seen God; but if we love one another, God lives in us and his love is made complete in us. (1 John 4:12) As we love one another, which includes all people plus our enemies, then God's love is made complete in us. His love continually increases in our hearts, which increases our motivation to serve Christ.

Dear friends, let us love one another, for love comes from God. Everyone who loves has been born of God and knows God. (1 John 4:7) Love increases in our hearts when we minister to people just as Jesus did. Love connects us to Christ and motivates us to read the Word, pray, and fellowship with our Christian family. We desire to know Christ so we can have a closer loving relationship with Him, and become more effective servants.

Serving the Lord increases the love in our hearts, giving us a closer relationship with Him. As a servant of Christ we become

dependent on the Lord and we live with a thankful heart. *Rejoice always, pray continually, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus.* (1 Thessalonians 5:16-18) A servant of Christ rejoices because we live in victory whenever we follow the Lord's commands. We pray continually, communing with the Lord throughout the day seeking his guidance. We give thanks in all circumstances because we are blessed to be the Lord's servants, and he guides us through life into our Heavenly home.

I have been crucified with Christ and I no longer live, but Christ lives in me. The life I now live in the body, I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me. (Galatians 2:20) The apostle Paul was a true servant of Christ. We can never be a servant of Christ if we live in our self-centered nature, because a servant lives for Christ by faith. To be a servant of Christ we die to self-centeredness and live every day knowing we are servants, fully trusting the Lord because he is our Master. Christ has total control and we live as his servant, following the Spirit.

A Servants Life

Sitting down, Jesus called the Twelve and said, "Anyone who wants to be first must be the very last, and the servant of all." (Mark 9:35) Being a servant of the Lord is the most secure and rewarding position that exists. A servant is secure in Christ, has their identity in Christ, and lives doing what a servant does, obeying the Master - Christ. We live with total trust in Christ, we pray as the Spirit leads us, and we are now free. *It is for freedom that Christ has set us free. Stand firm, then, and do not let yourselves be burdened again by a yoke of slavery.*(Galatians 5:1) We are no longer a slave to the world because we trust the Lord to guide us through life, and our soul is now closer to the Lord than it is to the world.

We know the Word, God's love fills our hearts, we depend on the Lord, and we seek Him with all our hearts. Our life is serving the Lord, because being a servant of the Lord is more fulfilling than anything the world can offer. *For everything in the*

world—the lust of the flesh, the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life—comes not from the Father but from the world. The world and its desires pass away, but whoever does the will of God lives forever. (1 John 2:16-17) The desires of the world slowly pass away because the blessings from God are far more fulfilling than any temporary thing from the world. We now have God’s power to overcome Satan’s temptations because we no longer seek worldly things, and our thoughts are always on serving Christ.

Everyone born of God overcomes the world. This is the victory that has overcome the world, even our faith. (1 John 5:4) A servant of Christ is close to the Lord and has a strong desire to be with the Father and the Son. A servant is more eternally minded than earthly minded.

There is no fear in love. But perfect love drives out fear, because fear has to do with punishment. (1 John 4:18) God’s love fills our hearts and casts out fear from Satan. This is a blessing because we don’t realize

how much fear in us until God's love takes it away. Life with a heart of love brings peace that transcends understanding.

The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy; I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full. (John 10:10) Servants of Christ experience life to the full because we trust the Lord, we are humble and secure in Christ, and we are close to the Lord with a heart of love. God's love has cast away fear from Satan and we have overcome the world. And we have overcome death because we know death is the door to eternal life.

Conclusion

The greatest thing in life is to be the Lord's servant. It gives our life divine meaning, and it draws us close the Lord, and having a close loving relationship with the Lord is the most fulfilling thing in life. If we want life to the full, meaning nothing is missing, be a servant of the Lord.



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