

Are You A Bondservant?

Scripture

“Let each of you look out not only for his own interests, but also for the interests of others. Let this mind be in you which was also in Christ Jesus, who, being in the form of God, did not consider it robbery to be equal with God, but made Himself of no reputation, taking the form of a bondservant, [and] coming in the likeness of men. And being found in appearance as a man, He humbled Himself and became obedient to [the point of] death, even the death of the cross” (Philippians 2:4-8 NKJV).

Commentary

A bondservant does the bidding of another as a volunteer. As the Paul said, “For do I now persuade men, or God? Or do I seek to please men? For if I still pleased men, I would not be a bondservant of Christ” (Galatians 1:10).

We are admonished to have the same mind as Christ. He too did the bidding of another, our Father in heaven. He served to the death for the elect. Therefore, this admonishment is no small demand.

We must push aside our feelings of privilege and take up our cross too. It was not robbery for Christ to be equal with God, but He became of no reputation, humbly submitting Himself to the Father’s will. We must do the same.

Look to the interest of others also. Many will look at this passage and be motivated to give more to charity. However, this passage speaks to all aspects of service. It speaks to love. Do you love your neighbor as yourself? Christ is our perfect example, and He taught us to lay down our lives for others. By this He meant we are to put aside our pride and bear one another’s burdens.

There will be many opportunities to practice this kind of bond service. Take advantage of these times to glorify your God. He will not forget your service to Him.

“Love suffers long [and] is kind; love does not envy; love does not parade itself, is not puffed up; does not behave rudely, does not seek its own, is not provoked, thinks no evil; does not rejoice in iniquity, but rejoices in the truth; bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things.” (1 Corinthians 13:4-7 NKJV)

Prayer

Lord we need grace to live like You lived. Fill us with Your Spirit today that we might be pleasing in Your sight. Amen.