

Marks of a Servant - Part 1

Many people today have never come to the point where they really enjoy what they do. Lots of people feel trapped by the job they have. There is no satisfaction or feelings of accomplishment in what they do for a living. It has been said, “If you love what you do, you will never work another day in your life.” Have you ever experienced this in life? It is easy to get stuck in a rut when it comes to our daily routine and our livelihood, but it doesn’t have to be that way. We can all come to fulfillment and satisfaction in life if we can only understand the system.

Years ago my attitude changed concerning my job. When I became a Christian I realized that I no longer worked for my employer, but I worked for the Lord. Now, don’t misunderstand me, let me explain. Working for the Lord caused me to see things much differently with a completely new perspective on life. If I



JUST A THOUGHT

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worked to please the Lord, I would no doubt please my employer. It boils down to a simple concept. Every day is a mission to do my best to represent the Lord in a way that would bring glory to Him.

Bearing these thoughts in mind, our occupation has little to do with the attitude we bring to the table

on a daily basis. When it comes down to reality, all we have to offer is our service. It doesn’t matter what you do or how skilled you are, all you can give is you.

When Paul wrote his second letter to the Corinthian church, he spelled out just exactly what we have to give to the Kingdom – service. In II Corinthians 1:1-11 Paul expounded on the “Marks of a Servant.” A servant is one employed to perform domestic or other services for someone else. That is a pretty clear definition. Let me give you a thought from Scripture, “...whoever wants to become great among you must be your servant, and whoever wants to be first must be your slave – just as the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many” (Matthew 20:26-28).

In an age when even the church throws the spotlight on celebrities and su-

perstars, the idea of servanthood seems a bit out of place. What most people never come to realize is there is ultimate joy and fulfillment from a life of service to our Lord. In a day when happiness is measured by clout rather than character, let us look at the marks of servanthood.

In II Corinthians 1:8-9, we see that A Servant Undergoes Suffering for Others. When you become a Christian, it doesn’t mean all of your problems are over. Scripture tells us, “That I may know Him,

and the power of His resurrection, and the fellowship of His sufferings, being made conformable unto His death” (Philippians 3:10). Jesus tried to prepare His disciples for what they would have in store for them. The people rejected Him, and they would reject the disciples. They tortured Jesus, and most of the disciples experienced the same treatment.

The sufferings that we experience are never in vain. As you might look back on some of the experiences in your life, you

realize that you are a better, stronger person because of what you endured. It also gave you a new understanding and compassion for the suffering of others. It is hard to help someone else with a problem unless you have already been there in their shoes. Our witness during those times is a great strength and encouragement to the one who is presently experiencing hurt.

Next week we will continue our thoughts with Part 2.

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CLUES ACROSS

1. One who manufactures
6. Science degree
9. Database management system
13. Desert
14. Inventor Musk
15. Welsh valley
16. Round Dutch cheese
17. Saying
18. Comedian and TV host
19. Uppermost portions of brain
21. City in Transylvania
22. Where astronauts go
23. Men’s hairstyle
24. Indicates position
25. One point east of due south
28. Businessmen may have one
29. Grass part
31. Running back Gurley
33. Unwavering
36. Options
38. Annoy
39. Greek mountain
41. Pastas
44. Fishes
45. Wrap
46. Potentially a criminal (slang)
48. Seize
49. The Constitution State
51. Upset
52. 1991 men’s Wimbledon champ
54. Central Chinese province
56. Predisposition
60. A notice of someone’s death
61. One-time Kentucky Rep.
62. Swiss river
63. Dried-up
64. Finger millet
65. __ Allan Poe
66. German river
67. Brew
68. Kenyan river

CLUES DOWN

1. Millisecond
2. Acts as military assistant
3. Knot in a tree
4. Husband-and-wife industrial designers
5. The Ocean State
6. Point the finger at
7. Parts in a machine
8. Midway between northeast and east
9. Portray precisely
10. Blister
11. Mental illness
12. Nose of an animal
14. What students receive
17. Semitic peoples
20. Beats per minute
21. Family of drugs
23. Atrocious
25. Type of microscope (abbr.)
26. __ or bust
27. Icelandic poems
29. A citizen of Pakistan
30. Very pale
32. Metric linear unit
34. Sea eagle
35. Biblical judge of Israel
37. Isaac’s mother (Bib.)
40. Sino-Soviet block (abbr.)
42. Cool!
43. Large hotel room
47. Type of boat (abbr.)
49. Picked
50. Type of hookah
52. Attack
53. Directs
55. Belgian WWII resistance fighter
56. Finished negotiation
57. Heroic tale
58. Middle Eastern country
59. Protein-rich liquids
61. Malaysian Isthmus
65. Spielberg’s alien

Mask requirements remain

Indiana Governor Eric Holcomb announced on March 23 that the mask requirements for schools would remain in place through the end of the school year.

The following guidelines have been in place at Marion Community Schools since the beginning of the school year, and will remain in place.

Masks are required at

school for staff and students in school buildings and on school property. All bus riders are required to wear masks. There will be situations in a school where masks are required for all students (such as inside a nurse’s clinic). Masks are required by the governor’s order for third grade and above, and are being strongly recommended

for grades two and below. There can be exceptions as dictated by IEP/504. Marion Community Schools expects all staff and students to have a mask with them at all times.

Please note: Within classrooms and other settings where social distancing is possible, masks may be removed, upon administration / teacher approval.

SUDOKU

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Level: Intermediate

Here’s How It Works:

Sudoku puzzles are formatted as a 9x9 grid, broken down into nine 3x3 boxes. To solve a sudoku, the numbers 1 through 9 must fill each row, column and box. Each number can appear only once in each row, column and box. You can figure out the order in which the numbers will appear by using the numeric clues already provided in the boxes. The more numbers you name, the easier it gets to solve the puzzle!

Fun By The Numbers

Like puzzles? Then you’ll love sudoku. This mind-bending puzzle will have you hooked from the moment you square off, so sharpen your pencil and put your sudoku savvy to the test!

Answers to puzzle on Page 12