

# The Happy Servant

Text: John 13:1-17

## ***He has the Right Mindset (1-3)***

- Situationally aware (1) –
  - Definition – understanding what is \_\_\_\_\_ in order to \_\_\_\_\_.
  - Jesus understood his mission in the present moment and directed his steps towards the heavenly goal by understanding:
    - His approaching hour of glorification on the cross.
    - His departure into Heaven.
    - He upcoming absence from his disciples.
  - God has called us to serve in what appears to be the latter days. Our mission is to \_\_\_\_\_ until He comes.
- Spiritually aware (2) – He could perceive the \_\_\_\_\_ of Satan’s work and influence through Judas betrayal.
  - The real \_\_\_\_\_ taking place around us is a spiritual battle being waged for the souls of men.
  - Our struggle to accomplish ministry objectives will always be a battle raging that we cannot \_\_\_\_\_.
- Self-aware (3) –
  - Definition: the ability to see yourself \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_. It is the ability to evaluate yourself from God’s perspective. This means we take a biblical world view of our anthropology. Jesus understood his identity as the Son of God and redemptive work he was sent to do.
  - Our true \_\_\_\_\_ is that we were born in sin and we are redeemed by a Savior.
  - This understanding will foster the right \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ to what God has called us to be and do.

## ***He has a Responsive Manner (4-12)***

- By our Disposition
  - Our \_\_\_\_\_ ought to be like Christ, willing to leave our comfortable and rightful position and debase ourselves for others.
  - Phil. 2:5-8 - *Let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus: Who, being in the form of God, thought it not robbery to be equal with God: But made himself of no reputation, and took upon him the form of a servant, and was made in the likeness of men: And being found in fashion as a man, he humbled himself, and became obedient unto death, even the death of the cross.*
  - A healthy, humble disposition:
    - Not being too \_\_\_\_\_. Opinionated people kill the servant spirit.
    - \_\_\_\_\_ to others talk.
    - Don’t blow up. Good and healthy conflict resolution is

- Having a loving \_\_\_\_\_ towards another by believing the best about them.
    - Settling a matter before \_\_\_\_\_ before allowing to fester a bitter wound.
  - By our Deference (5)
    - Definition:
      - \_\_\_\_\_ or courteous respect given to another, often in recognition of authority.
      - A \_\_\_\_\_ of judgment or preference from respect to the wishes or opinion of another.
    - Jesus gave up his honorable position in exchange for a servant's role
    - Practicing Deference:
      - By being \_\_\_\_\_.
      - By \_\_\_\_\_ our home.
      - By not being prejudice – Prejudice is judging a matter \_\_\_\_\_ fully understanding.
  - By our Dependability
    - Synonyms: Reliable, trustworthy, consistent, responsible.
    - Practicing Dependability
      - Be available - Dependable people are always \_\_\_\_\_ even for the dirtiest jobs.
      - Be on \_\_\_\_\_.
      - \_\_\_\_\_ to others when they are waiting on you.
      - Be quick to \_\_\_\_\_ things that are broken, especially if you are the agent to fix it.

### **He Reflects His Master (13-17)**

- Mirroring His Attitude and \_\_\_\_\_
  - Obey his commands.
    - John 14:15 – *If ye love me, keep my commandments.*
    - John 14:21 – *He that hath my commandments, and keepeth them, he it is that loveth me: and he that loveth me shall be loved of my Father, and I will love him, and will manifest myself to him.*
- Modelling his work by giving a good \_\_\_\_\_.
- Magnifying our \_\_\_\_\_. We are ultimately driven to glorify and exalt the Lord Jesus Christ
  - Ephesians 5:1-2 - *Be ye therefore followers of God, as dear children; And walk in love, as Christ also hath loved us, and hath given himself for us an offering and a sacrifice to God for a sweetsmelling savour.*