

The Year of Sowing

Prayer Guide

Week 32

The Year of Sowing – As a servant – Christ our Example

You must have the same attitude that Christ Jesus had. Though he was God, he did not think of equality with God as something to cling to. Instead, he gave up his divine privileges; he took the humble position of a slave and was born as a human being.

Philippians 2:5-7 (NLT)



Prayer Focus: This week we begin to explore the subject of sowing as a servant, being useful to God. A study of the New Testament quickly reveals to us that servanthood is important to the heart of God. Of all the various ways that God could have revealed his Son as redeemer of the world, He chose that Jesus would become a servant. These verses in Philippians reveal to us the attitude of heart and mind of the second person of the Trinity when He came to earth to redeem a lost and rebellious humanity. He set aside all the rights and privileges of His divinity and “took the position of a slave.” The word used for slave in the Greek language is “doulos,” which implies one who humbles himself to serve others, making their needs more important than his own. To fully understand this profound truth, you need to take time to read and study the life and actions of the Lord Jesus Christ as described in the four Gospels. Read and understand His attitude toward His heavenly Father. Read and understand His attitude when He was maligned and attacked. Observe His act of service that on the night before His death on the cross, He washed the feet of His disciples. Study His reaction when falsely accused, beaten and tortured for your sins and mine. He did not defend Himself, or retaliate. He submitted Himself to the will of the Father. Jesus Christ is our ultimate example of what it means to be a servant. The King of the Universe made Himself of no reputation to serve the will of the Father. Take seriously this admonition to learn from Jesus what it means to be a servant.

- Day 1:** This week read through the Gospels looking at the character of Jesus as a servant.
- Day 2:** Allow God to evaluate your life. Are you living the life of a servant as Jesus did?
- Day 3:** Confess those things that God reveals to you are not reflective of the servanthood of Jesus.
- Day 4:** Ask the Lord to help you have the heart of a servant like Jesus’ heart. Submit yourself to His work in your life.
- Day 5:** Pray for others in your church to be touched by God’s Spirit with this same spirit of servanthood.
- Day 6:** Pray that the Holy Spirit would bring this truth to the hearts and minds of other believers in your city.
- Day 7:** Pray that the missionaries from your church will reflect the same servant heart as the Lord Jesus demonstrated.