

The Year of Sowing

Prayer Guide

Week 33

The Year of Sowing – As a servant – Motives for Serving

And he said to him, 'Well done, good servant; because you were faithful in a very little, have authority over ten cities.'

Luke 19:17 (NKJV)



Prayer Focus: It is important at the beginning, for us to understand the proper motives for sowing as a servant. It can be easy for a person to spend much time serving others and have the wrong motivation. If we seek to serve because we want people to think better of us, or because we want to impress others, we have missed the meaning of the heart of a servant. The primary motive of a true servant is to please his or her master. What greater reward for the Christian than to hear from the lips of the Savior, “Well done, good servant.” To please his master, a servant must know the heart of his master, what pleases, what displeases his master. This knowledge comes through the study of God’s Word. For example, Paul exhorts us in Philippians 2:3: Don’t be selfish; don’t try to impress others. Be humble, thinking of others as better than yourselves. Don’t look out only for your own interests, but take an interest in others, too. This is the heart of a servant, who pleases his master and whose goal is to lift up others rather than himself. This was the servant heart of the Lord Jesus Christ, and He is who we should seek to imitate. The heart of a servant learns to see and meet needs without having to be told what to do. Each believer is called by God to be a servant to others. This is a great and high calling from God to reflect the heart of Jesus here on earth today. May we all desire to be servants who are like Jesus, and who serve others without thought of ourselves or a desire for reward, because we know that when the time comes our reward will not come from men, but from our Savior Himself.

Day 1: Think about what were the motives of the Lord Jesus to come to earth as a servant.

Day 2: Ask the Lord to show you how He sees your heart, and where you need to learn to be a servant like Jesus

Day 3: Confess any ways that you have served with even a hidden desire to be noticed by others.

Day 4: Ask the Lord to transform your heart into the heart of a servant like Jesus was a servant.

Day 5: Ask the Lord to make your church a church that knows how to serve one another, and the community.

Day 6: Pray for believers in other churches in your city to learn how to be servants like Jesus so the world around them will see Jesus.

Day 7: Pray for the missionaries from your church to have the same motives of servanthood that Jesus had.