

You're Ministering Attitude
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Read Aloud John 13:3-17 (printed at the end) Tell the story of the lady with only 3 hairs.

The Master sets an example of Ministry.

Minister (as described by Strong's Concordance): Diako Greek for to run errands, A waiter, or a teacher. Because of the nature of God's call to the ministry some individuals wrongly believe that the ministry is exempt from serving or receiving judgment. They mistakenly believe that serving is the job of underlings and that they are somehow above doing those things. This is NOT the case at all, Jesus is calling believers to serve in diverse areas of ministry in the church. Furthermore, the scriptures mention that ministers are worthy of double honor if they lead well those who are under their oversight, and if they serve in areas of "the work and doctrine" **1 Timothy 5:17**
¶Let the elders that rule well be counted worthy of double honour, especially they who labour in the word and doctrine.

1. Misconception of Ministry – Lordship

The apostle Paul gave a call the ministers to be careful, **Acts 20:28** *Take heed therefore unto yourselves, and to all the flock, over the which the Holy Ghost hath made you overseers, to feed the church of God, which he hath purchased with his own blood. 29 For I know this, that after my departing shall grievous wolves enter in among you, not sparing the flock.* The Holy Ghost will lead you into all truth (shows you the way) - A wolf comes to kill and to destroy with only his motives in mind.

1 Timothy 4:16 *Take heed unto thyself, and unto the doctrine; continue in them: for in doing this thou shalt both save thyself, and them that hear thee.*

a. Definition of Ministry – Servanthood

The ministry should never be regarded only to those who stand behind the pulpit. To minister it to serve. Every person who has received the Holy Ghost should have a passion to serve others. **1 Corinthians 16:15** *I beseech you, brethren, (ye know the house of Stephanas, that it is the firstfruits of Achaia, and that they have addicted themselves to the ministry of the saints,)*

Addicted: devoted or given up to a practice, something psychologically and physically habit-forming. Some are addicted to drugs, money, ect – I'm addicted to Jesus.

Mark 9:41 *¶For whosoever shall give you a cup of water to drink in my name, because ye belong to Christ, verily I say unto you, he shall not lose his reward.*

b. Example of Ministry – Jesus Christ

Jesus gave an example of his ministry by washing the disciples feet. And commanding us to do the same. Peter at first rejected to Jesus

washing his feet – but afterward he said not only my feet but my head also..

John 13:7 *Jesus answered and said unto him, What I do thou knowest not now; but thou shalt know hereafter.*

1 Peter 5:5 ¶*Likewise, ye younger, submit yourselves unto the elder. Yea, all of you be subject one to another, and be clothed with humility: for God resisteth the proud, and giveth grace to the humble.*

6 Humble yourselves therefore under the mighty hand of God, that he may exalt you in due time:

2. Let this mind be in you.

a. Jesus made himself of No Reputation

Philippians 2:7 *But made himself of no reputation, and took upon him the form of a servant, and was made in the likeness of men:*

8 And being found in fashion as a man, he humbled himself, and became obedient unto death, even the death of the cross. A reputation is taking time to think of what others think of you.. or getting you mind on yourself.

b. Jesus took on Him the form of a Servant

Philippians 2:5 *Let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus: 6 Who, being in the form of God, thought it not robbery to be equal with God: 7 But made himself of no reputation, and took upon him the form of a servant, and was made in the likeness of men:* Pilate challenged Jesus claiming to have the power to crucify to let go.. **John 19:10** *Then saith Pilate unto him, Speakest thou not unto me? knowest thou not that I have power to crucify thee, and have power to release thee? 11 Jesus answered, Thou couldest have no power at all against me, except it were given thee from above: therefore he that delivered me unto thee hath the greater sin.* Jesus took on the form of a loving Lord instead of a dying dictator - **John 3:17** *For God sent not his Son into the world to condemn the world; but that the world through him might be saved.*

c. Jesus Became obedient unto Death

Romans 6:23 *For the wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.* People need not die for the gospel for the Lord needs a living sacrifice - **Romans 12:1** ¶*I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service. 2 And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God.*

Our sacrifice should not be in death but in life – and if we must die – we should die for the sake of others or for the work of the gospel. **1 John 3:16** *Hereby perceive we the love of God, because he laid down his life for us: and we ought to lay down our lives for the brethren.*

d. Servanthood is rewarded

God will reward us according to our service to others both now and for eternity, let's look at the what the gospel records for all nations gathering before God for the final judgment –We will be judges according to our works...

Read Matthew 25:31-46

Prayer

John 13:3 *Jesus knowing that the Father had given all things into his hands, and that he was come from God, and went to God;*

4 He riseth from supper, and laid aside his garments; and took a towel, and girded himself.

5 After that he poureth water into a bason, and began to wash the disciples' feet, and to wipe them with the towel wherewith he was girded.

6 Then cometh he to Simon Peter: and Peter saith unto him, Lord, dost thou wash my feet?

7 Jesus answered and said unto him, What I do thou knowest not now; but thou shalt know hereafter.

8 Peter saith unto him, Thou shalt never wash my feet. Jesus answered him, If I wash thee not, thou hast no part with me.

9 Simon Peter saith unto him, Lord, not my feet only, but also my hands and my head.

10 Jesus saith to him, He that is washed needeth not save to wash his feet, but is clean every whit: and ye are clean, but not all.

11 For he knew who should betray him; therefore said he, Ye are not all clean.

12 So after he had washed their feet, and had taken his garments, and was set down again, he said unto them, Know ye what I have done to you?

13 Ye call me Master and Lord: and ye say well; for so I am.

14 If I then, your Lord and Master, have washed your feet; ye also ought to wash one another's feet.

15 For I have given you an example, that ye should do as I have done to you.

16 Verily, verily, I say unto you, The servant is not greater than his lord; neither he that is sent greater than he that sent him.

17 If ye know these things, happy are ye if ye do them.

The Lady with Three Hairs

There once was a woman who woke up one morning, looked in the mirror, and noticed she had only three hairs on her head. Well," she said, "I think I'll braid my hair today." So she did and she had a wonderful day.

The next day she woke up, looked in the mirror, and saw that she had only two hairs on her head. "H-M-M," she said, "I think I'll part my hair down the middle today." So she did and she had a grand day.

The next day she woke up, looked in the mirror, and noticed that she had only one hair on her head. "Well," she said, "today I'm going to wear my hair in a pony tail." So she did and she had a fun, fun day.

The next day she woke up, looked in the mirror, and noticed that there wasn't a single hair on her head. "YEA!" she exclaimed, "I don't have to fix my hair today!"

Somewhere in grieving the loss of a loved one we must begin again seeing our glass "half full" - not half empty. Naturally speaking, dying is part of living. We have little control in the aging process, and ultimately NO control of immortality. Seems to me, most of the matter has to do with maintaining a good attitude and positive outlook.

So today I choose to Live simply, Love generously, Care deeply, Speak kindly.....
Leave the rest to God.

Philippians 4:8 *Finally, brethren, whatsoever things are true, whatsoever things are honest, whatsoever things are just, whatsoever things are pure, whatsoever things are lovely, whatsoever things are of good report; if there be any virtue, and if there be any praise, think on these things.*