

# Spiritual Disciplines

## *The Discipline of Service*

(Matthew 20:20-28)

- Introduction:
1. Have you ever considered the power move made by Salome, the mother of James and John?
  2. She was seeking power and leadership for her sons.
  3. Jesus turned her request on its head by stating that those who are great are servants.

### **I. Service Will Bring Happiness**

- A. (Acts 20:35) More blessed to give than to receive.
- B. (Ephesians 2:10) Created in Christ Jesus for good works.
- C. Paradox: The best way to lighten your own load is to bear the load of another.

### **II. Service Should Be Intentional**

- A. (Colossians 3:23-24).
- B. So many inter-personal relationship problems could be solved if we could remember that we are serving the Lord, not the other person.
- C. What has Jesus ever done to you that would cause you to not serve him?
- D. We go to our jobs with a plan to work; do you have the same intentionality with Christianity?

### **III. Service Should Be with Humility**

- A. (Philippians 2:1-4).
- B. (Matthew 5:16) Let your light so shine before men...
- C. Will we serve when no one sees, and no one knows?
- D. (Hebrews 6:10) God is not unjust to forget...

### **IV. Service Should Be Unstoppable**

- A. (Luke 17:10) Still unprofitable servants.
- B. (2 Timothy 3:12) All who live godly will suffer persecution.
- C. (Job 1:9) Fear God for nothing?
- D. (2 Timothy 4:2).

### **V. Service is a Standard of Judgment**

- A. (Matthew 25:31-46).
- B. Service is elevated to a Heaven or Hell matter.
- C. It is at the heart of the "Golden Rule" (Matthew 7:12).

- Conclusion:
1. The church needs followers of Jesus who are committed to the spiritual discipline of service.
  2. I want to challenge you to expend your strength, your time, and your energy in service to God.