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Command of Christ → Become a Servant  
Character Quality → Availability  
Scripture Reference → Matthew 20:20-28

The term “servant” is translated as “minister” in the Old English translation (KJV).

- To minister is to serve.
- Jesus’ first coming was as a servant to man. (not to be served)
- His second coming will be as a conquering King.

The route to greatness in the Kingdom is service. (Matthew 23:11)

- Jesus is our model for fulfilling the purposes of God.

Biblical leadership is not the top of a hierarchal pyramid.

- It is foundational --- under-girding the body.
- See 1 Peter 5:1-4

To function as a servant requires the character of Christ.

- Philippians 2:5- “*Let this same mind be in you...*”
- The greatest act of humility resulted in the greatest act of exaltation.
- 1 Peter 5:5; James 4:6-10

We are to serve the Body through the grace of God in us. (God’s ability)

- 1 Peter 4:10 – “*...stewards of the manifold grace of God...*”
- Ephesians 4:16 – “*...the whole body...firmly knit together...*”

Service to each other is a result of the love of God working through us. (Gal. 5:13, 14)

- Spiritual maturity is gauged by selfless-ness.

Works (service) alone are not enough. It is possible for us to serve legalistically and still not relate to God properly.

- Matthew 7:15-23
- Revelation 2:18-20

Our works of service flow out of us as a result of a living faith and the character of Jesus working through us.

- James 2:14-18