
The Nature of a Servant

Philippians 2:5-7

"All dressed up"

Honey, I'm gone!" says Jack as he rushes out the door. There's no way he's going to be late. He's the emcee for this year's fund-raiser. The mayor and other VIPs will all be there, and so will Jack, decked out in his tux. As Jack makes his way down the freeway, he notices a young woman waving frantically. "Not now" thinks Jack. But, he pulls to a stop, jumps out of his car, rolls up his sleeves, and heads for her wheel well. He changes the tire in record time, noticing the grease spots on his knees, lapel and collar. "Well, can't do anything about it now," sighs Jack, and hurries to the dinner. As Jack takes the podium, he resists the temptation to relate his heroics in explanation of his appearance. Rather he diffuses the embarrassing situation by pointing out his inability to dress himself.

Reflection

If Jesus Christ, who is God incarnate, can lay aside the glory that was his with the Father, then surely we can lay aside our titles, positions and tuxes, that we wrap around ourselves, to reach out to a need. Have a servant's heart. Paul admonishes us in Romans 12:3, "I tell each of you not to think you are better than you really are. Use good sense and measure yourself by the amount of faith that God has given you."

Accountability and Reflection

What "suit" in your life are you willing to lay down?

Describe a situation in your life where you had to choose between title/position and serving.

Have you ever been tempted to say, "Do you know who I am?"

Avoid telling someone what you do before you tell them who you belong to.

Prayer: *Thank you Father for laying down your glory that you might become one of us. Help me today, Lord, to have the mind and heart of a servant.*

Philippians 2:6-7 (NIV)

⁵Your attitude should be the same as that of Christ Jesus:

⁶Who, being in very nature God, did not consider equality with God something to be grasped,

⁷but made himself nothing, taking the very nature [\[b\]](#) of a servant, being made in human likeness.