

Essentials of Discipleship

Chapter 10 – The Disciple is a Servant

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Resource: Essentials of Discipleship by Francis Cosgrove published by Roper Press in 1988.

This short 12 chapter book outlines eleven essentials of what a disciple of Jesus Christ is and how each disciple should become a disciple-making disciple. These study guides offer an outline of the book with some questions to be used in reviewing and discussing the content. Each student will need to obtain and read the book as well. After the initial chapters titled: What is a Disciple? & The Disciple is a Learner; the author reviews the Lordship of Jesus Christ which is the umbrella for the remaining nine essentials or characteristics of a disciple.

- I. Introduction – EOD #9: A disciple demonstrates a servant heart by helping others in practical ways.
 - A. Summary (from Chapter 1):

The author wrote that servanthood was a major characteristic of Jesus' ministry. Jesus said he had not come to be served but to serve others as a ransom for many (Mark 10:45). Human nature is that we want to be served rather than to serve others.
 - B. Scriptures:
 1. Mark 10:42-45 _____
 2. Acts 6:1-4 _____
 3. 2 Corinthians 12:15 _____
 4. Philippians 2:25-30 _____
 5. 1 Thessalonians 2:8-9 _____
 - C. Introductory Points – Cosgrove says:
 1. Many people aspire to leadership, fame, and success. However, few aspire to servanthood.
 2. Servanthood is a Biblical concept not a man made concept.
 3. Jesus was the great example when he washed the feet of his disciples (1 John 3:16).
 4. How did Jesus reverse the direction of service? Ans.: By not giving up his _____.
 5. What is the key meaning of Matthew 20:25-28: _____.
 6. The Bible teaches that to _____ is to _____.
 7. The challenge is to do that day by day.
- II. What is a Servant? (Key Points):
 1. Paul devoted himself as a servant first then as an _____.
 2. Apostleship was an office whereas servanthood is not. It is about dealing _____.
 3. It is an honor to be called a _____.
 4. Serving God, we must _____ as Jesus did in his ministry.
 5. Servanthood is to do _____ to be done.
 6. Many times a servant is also called a _____.
 7. People who have been redeemed from sin are servants of the Lord.
 8. A servant is a person who serves God in a particular _____ or calling.
 9. Moses and David were called servants of God.
 10. Lastly, Cosgrove says that a servant is a person who doesn't exercise _____ but rather submits it in order to please his _____. And he also demonstrates the importance of serving another without any _____ of _____.

III. Biblical Characteristics Found in a Servant

A. The twelve Biblical qualities of a servant are:

1. A servant is _____ (2 Timothy 2:25)
2. A servant is _____ (Matthew 24:45-47)
3. A servant is _____ (Luke 17:7-8)
4. A servant should be _____ (2 Timothy 2:24)
5. A servant is _____ (2 Timothy 2:24)
6. A servant is _____ (2 Timothy 2:25)
7. A servant is _____ (Ephesians 6:5-6)
8. A servant is _____ (2 Samuel 15:21)
9. A servant is _____ (Luke 12:35-36)
10. A servant is _____ (1 Samuel 22:14)
11. A servant does not talk back to his _____ (Titus 2:9)
12. A Christian disciple-servant is _____ - _____ (Acts 2:16, 18)

IV. Servanthood and Discipleship

1. People can see our servanthood (our acts of service)
2. Servanthood is intentionally _____.
3. Knowing Scriptures is not enough. A servant must be familiar with the techniques of service. Cosgrove said that the servants are few but the needs and opportunities are many.

V. How We Can Be Servants

A. Suggestions how we can be servants of Jesus Christ and others are:

1. Be willing to do menial tasks (Acts 28:1-3)
2. Be _____ when the Master calls (Luke 9:59-62). Jesus said _____ me but many had excuses not to obey and follow Him.
3. Be _____ (Psalm 123:2). Practical servanthood is taking the initiative and doing whatever has to be done.
4. Do _____ than you are being asked to do.

VI. The Results of Being a True Servant

1. The servant may experience the service of his Master (Luke 12:37-38).
2. The servant who is faithful in all his responsibilities will be recognized by the Master. What are the words we all long to hear on Judgment Day? _____ good and _____! (Matthew 25:21).
3. God gives his servants _____ (1 Kings 3:8-9).
4. Honor from God comes to the faithful servant of the Lord (John 12:26).

VII. Conclusion

Cosgrove wrote: "You cannot be a true disciple of Jesus Christ unless you have a _____."

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