

RELATIONAL THEOLOGY SERIES ONE
CHRIST AND HIS TOWEL
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John 13:1-17

What do you want to be when you grow up? Imagine asking Jesus Christ what He wants us to be when we grow up. I honestly believe He would give the same answer to every one of us: “I want you to be different... to be a servant.” Read Matthew 20:26-28.

Let’s take the servant’s test:

- Serving others is more important than having others serve me
- Being last in line is better than being first
- Ensuring that others have their share is more important to me than getting my share
- Making certain that others are the center of attention is more important than getting attention for myself
- Meeting other’s needs before I take care of my own needs is my philosophy for life

John 13 contains one of the most beautiful pictures of the Lord Jesus Christ ever written—the story of Jesus washing the Disciples’ feet.

As we think about appropriating Christ’s model, three specifics stand out:

1. Obedience Means Personal Involvement.

2. Obedience Requires Christ Like Unselfishness.

3. Obedience Results In Deep, Inner, Ultimate Fulfillment.

I know of only one time in the Bible when Jesus opened up His heart and revealed His inner personality. Read Matthew 11:28-29. This is our model.

Reflect on the double meaning of Jesus’ words about washing. Understand that He would wash the disciples’ entire bodies with the blood of the cross. Consider his succinct summation of Judas’ situation: “You are not all clean.” Are you clean? Make a confession of your sin to God. Pray for God to wash you thoroughly.

Think of some small task that you can perform, a task that is humble, yet useful. Preferably let it be a task that some one else will have to perform unless you relieve them of that duty. When you have thought of that task, leave this place and go do it.