

A close-up photograph of a brown leather basketball with black lines, resting on a light-colored wooden floor. The lighting is dramatic, highlighting the texture of the ball and the grain of the wood. The background is dark, making the ball and floor stand out.

My Title is

Fundamentals of the Christian Faith

Mark 10:35

³⁵And James and John, the sons of Zebedee, came up to him and said to him, “Teacher, we want you to do for us whatever we ask of you.”

Mark 10:36-37

³⁶And he said to them, “What do you want me to do for you?” ³⁷And they said to him, “Grant us to sit, one at your right hand and one at your left, in your glory.”

Mark 10:38

³⁸Jesus said to them, “You do not know what you are asking. Are you able to drink the cup that I drink, or to be baptized with the baptism with which I am baptized?”

Mark 10:39-40

39And they said to him, “We are able.” And Jesus said to them, “The cup that I drink you will drink, and with the baptism with which I am baptized, you will be baptized,⁴⁰ but to sit at my right hand or at my left is not mine to grant, but it is for those for whom it has been prepared.”

Mark 10:41

41And when the ten heard it, they began to be indignant at James and John.

Mark 10:42

42And Jesus called them to him and said to them, “You know that those who are considered rulers of the Gentiles lord it over them, and their great ones exercise authority over them.

Mark 10:43-45

43But it shall not be so among you. But whoever would be great among you must be your servant, **44**and whoever would be first among you must be slave of all. **45**For even the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many.”

Philippians 2:5-7

⁵Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus, ⁶who, though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, ⁷but made himself nothing, taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men.

Philippians 2:8

⁸And being found in human form, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross.

Philippians 2:9-11

⁹Therefore God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name that is above every name, ¹⁰so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, ¹¹and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

The Main Point

God doesn't want us to seek greatness by the world's standards, but instead to be humble servants like Jesus.

Galatians 1:10

¹⁰For am I now seeking the approval of man, or of God? Or am I trying to please man? If I were still trying to please man, I would not be a servant of Christ.

4 Parameters for Servanthood

- 1. We serve each other, but ultimately we serve Christ.**
- 2. Being a servant does not mean being a people pleaser, but a God pleaser!**

1 Peter 4:7

⁷The end of all things is at hand; therefore be self-controlled and sober-minded for the sake of your prayers.

1 Peter 4:8-9

⁸Above all, keep loving one another earnestly, since love covers a multitude of sins. ⁹Show hospitality to one another without grumbling.

1 Peter 4:10

¹⁰As each has received a gift, use it to serve one another, as good stewards of God's varied grace:

1 Peter 4:11

11 whoever speaks, as one who speaks oracles of God; whoever serves, as one who serves by the strength that God supplies—in order that in everything God may be glorified through Jesus Christ. To him belong glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen.

4 Parameters for Servanthood

- 3. Each believer has been given a gift and is to use it to serve others in the church!**
- 4. When we serve, we need to serve in the strength that God provides.**

3 Questions for Personal Application

1. How can I be a great _____?
2. How can I be more of a servant at home?
3. How can I serve others in the church?

