

Give Me Your Armor Bearer's Feet
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There's nothing wrong with serving, but everything wrong when we treat ministers differently than our other brothers in Christ. I knew I felt there was something to be revealed to me. So I went to my Strong Concordance and looked up the words "servant" and "to serve". I was amazed when I found out that the "armor bearer" of the church of the New Testament is no longer a servant of one man, but a servant unto all. Paul, the Apostle, although in his "great" position and recognition in the Body of Christ said, "I have made myself a servant unto all, that I might gain the more" I Cor 9:19. He encouraged us to esteem others better than ourselves, according to Philippians 2:3. Peter also taught that we need to submit to the elder but also that we all need to be subject one to another, (I Pe 5:5). Because every part of the body is supposed to receive the same, exactly the same honor. Also told us to honor all men in I Peter 2:17. This is a command to everyone. Not only to the church toward the ministers but to the ministers toward the whole body of Christ. In Galatians 5:13, we read that we should serve one another.

Back in the Old Testament I saw the armor bearers serving the King and in the New Testament I saw a KING serving servants. JESUS took upon himself a form of servant (Philippians 2:7) and showed us that a great leader has to be a great servant. I can imagine Jesus telling the Old Testament's armor bearers: "Hey, stop doing that. I came to serve you not to be served". "For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give His life a ransom for many." Mark 10:45

Not only for me but also for Charles R.Swindoll the word SERVANT is a forgotten word among the church leaders today (also among the brethren in Christ). "Maybe I need to clarify...in the Body of Christ there is one Head. Christ Jesus is Lord of His body. (Col 1:15-18). No human being dare take that position. Only Christ is the Head. All the rest of us are in the class Jesus spoke of in Matthews 20...servants!" Charles R.Swindoll - Improving Your Serve.

Jesus taught His disciples, future church leaders, how to be the last, not the first, how to serve all, not some. He said in John 12:26, "If anyone serves Me, he must continue to follow Me to cleave steadfastly to Me, conform wholly to My example in living and, if need be, in dying and wherever I am, there will My servant be also. If anyone serves Me, the Father will honor him." Right after this passage, Jesus, the King of Kings, the Lord of lords... "laid aside his garment, took a towel, He poured water into a basin and began to wash the disciples' feet.." John 13:4,5.

Peter couldn't understand why. "Lord, are my feet to be washed by you? ", he said. Jesus answered: "You do not understand now what I am doing, but you will understand later on." I pray to the Spirit of wisdom and revelation to make the "later on" to become NOW". Let now be the hour of revelation of this Word.

"So, do you understand what I have done to you? You call Me the Teacher and Lord." Or would we say priest such and such, pastor such and such, apostle such and such, evangelist such and such, prophet such and such, teacher such and such, minister such and such, elder such and such? "You are right in doing so, for that is what I am". We're supposed to give honor to whom honor is due. "If I then, your Lord and Teacher (Master) have washed your feet, you ought (it is your duty, you are under obligation, you owe it to wash one another's feet. "

"IF I HAVE GIVEN YOU THIS AS AN EXAMPLE, SO THAT YOU SHOULD DO IN YOUR TURN WHAT I HAVE DONE TO YOU. I ASSURE YOU, MOST SOLEMNLY I TELL YOU, A SERVANT IS NOT GREATER THAN HIS MASTER, AND NO ONE WHO IS SENT IS SUPERIOR TO THE ONE WHO SENT HIM. IF YOU KNOW THESE THINGS, BELSSED AND HAPPY AND TO BE ENVIED ARE YOU IF YOU PRACTISE THEM IF YOU ACT ACCORDINGLY AND REALLY DO THEM." John 13:5, 12-17

Let us take off our garments, our very nice suits and start to wash somebody's feet. Let us tell the Old Testament's armor bearers that it's over. Now the king will be the servant and the servant of one man will be the servant of many. Let all of us take some towels and start to wash someone's feet. If anyone serves Him, if anyone loves Him, if anyone loves others more than themselves, let him follow Jesus. Let's prefer to serve rather than to be served.

My brethren, let's take a towel and wash some feet.

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