

19 The picture of The Servant of God based on the Servant Psalms in Isaiah

God:

Calls him

Authorises him

Anoints him with His Spirit

Empowers him

Guides him

Teaches him

Prepares him for service

Releases him for ministry in His Timing

Guides and empowers Him in ministry and

Exalts him in His Timing

The servant:

Realises the great privilege to be chosen as a servant of God

Seeks a deep relationship with God

Humbles himself to obey God in every area no matter what the cost

Trusts God's Will in every area of his life

The Purposes and Will of God are all that are important to him

He will endure anything to do these as He knows these as best for God's Kingdom, himself, and those he is ministering to

Believes God will reward him appropriately at the appropriate time

Is satisfied with what God gives him knowing that it is the best for God's purposes and, best for them.

God prepare and provides for His servant. All that He asks of His servant is trusting obedience and faithfulness and to love Him like any child loves their father. The true servant of God lives out Mat 6:33 in all things and is a perfect example of what it means to be a citizen of The Kingdom of God and serves God out of Love and not fear of punishment..

What Price Obedience?

It cost Jesus everything to come to earth, and take on His human life to do The Will of God!

And He really was rewarded only after death, Except for the joy of seeing people freed from the kingdom of darkness and the things that this kingdom had placed on them!

And by this see His Father's Kingdom, expanded!

But then, the things of this earth held no appeal to Him and were really not important to Him!

His Father's Will and Kingdom was all that mattered to Him!

These are the attitudes you must develop if you would be like Jesus.

In conclusion I ask the second most important question you will ever be asked.

What price will you pay to serve Jesus?

God is a servant and our example

Mat 20:27 And whoever desires to be chief among you, let him be your servant;

According to this principle if you want to be chief amongst us you serve us.

So, God must be bound by this principle.

Is He?

The Father provides all we need without our having to ask Him.

The Lord Jesus protects this provision so we can use it.

The Holy Spirit guides and teaches us how to use this provision.

In all this, God serves us quietly, asking only for our Love and for us to tell others of His Love and provision for them.

He is not a hypocrite, asking us to serve others without setting the example for this service.

Key questions to ask:

Are you in the ministry you are in because God appointed you there or because man qualified you to be there?

Each day do you give the ministry you are doing and all in it to Jesus to be Lord of or do you treat it as paid employment?

What are your objectives as you minister?

Are they Christ or Kingdom centred or just something you are paid to do?

What is your purpose of ministry. Are they eternal or just temporal?

Have you honestly answered these questions or just given the answer expected for them?