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**42** Jesus called them together and said, “You know that those who are regarded as rulers of the Gentiles lord it over them, and their high officials exercise authority over them. **43** Not so with you. Instead, whoever wants to become great among you must be your servant,

**44** and whoever wants to be  
first must be slave of  
all. **45** For even the Son of Man  
did not come to be served, but  
to serve, and to give his life as  
a ransom for many.”

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**“Jesus came to this world as a servant-indeed, the Servant-who would suffer and die for our redemption... Jesus gave His life to release us from bondage to sin and death.”**

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## **John 13:1-5**

**1** It was just before the Passover Festival. Jesus knew that the hour had come for him to leave this world and go to the Father. Having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end. **2** The evening meal was in progress, and the devil had already prompted Judas, the son of Simon Iscariot, to betray Jesus.

**3** Jesus knew that the Father had put all things under his power, and that he had come from God and was returning to God; **4** so he got up from the meal, took off his outer clothing, and wrapped a towel around his waist. **5** After that, he poured water into a basin and began to wash his disciples' feet, drying them with the towel that was wrapped around him.

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**“A menial task normally performed by a servant. On this occasion there was no servant, and no one else volunteered. Jesus’ action was during the meal, not upon arrival. And was done deliberately to emphasize a point. It was a lesson in humility, but it also set forth the principle of selfless service that was so soon to be exemplified by the cross.”**

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## **John 13:12-17**

**12** When he had finished washing their feet, he put on his clothes and returned to his place. “Do you understand what I have done for you?” he asked them. **13** “You call me ‘Teacher’ and ‘Lord,’ and rightly so, for that is what I am.



**14** Now that I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also should wash one another's feet. **15** I have set you an example that you should do as I have done for you. **16** Very truly I tell you, no servant is greater than his master, nor is a messenger greater than the one who sent him. **17** Now that you know these things, you will be blessed if you do them.

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**“Christians should be willing  
to perform the most menial  
services for one another.”**

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**Romans 12:1-2**

**1** Therefore, I urge you, brothers and sisters, in view of God’s mercy, to offer your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God — this is your true and proper worship. **2** Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God’s will is — his good, pleasing and perfect will.

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**“God wants us to offer ourselves... as living sacrifices- daily laying aside our own desires to follow Him, putting all our energy and resources at His disposal, and trusting Him to guide us.”**

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**Romans 12:3-5**

**3** For by the grace given me I say to every one of you: Do not think of yourself more highly than you ought, but rather think of yourself with sober judgment, in accordance with the faith God has distributed to each of you. **4** For just as each of us has one body with many members, and these members do not all have the same function, **5** so in Christ we, though many, form one body, and each member belongs to all the others.

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**[In Christ is the] “key to Paul’s concept of Christian unity. It is only in Jesus Christ that any unity in the church is possible.”**

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## **Romans 12:6-8**

**6** We have different gifts, according to the grace given to each of us. If your gift is prophesying, then prophesy in accordance with your faith; **7** if it is serving, then serve; if it is teaching, then teach; **8** if it is to encourage, then give encouragement; if it is giving, then give generously; if it is to lead, do it diligently; if it is to show mercy, do it cheerfully.

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## **Ephesians 4:11-13**

**11** So Christ himself gave the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, the pastors and teachers, **12** to equip his people for works of service, so that the body of Christ may be built up **13** until we all reach unity in the faith and in the knowledge of the Son of God and become mature, attaining to the whole measure of the fullness of Christ.



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**“Unity is not just a matter of a loving attitude or religious feeling; it is also a matter of truth and a common understanding about God’s Son.”**

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**Ephesians 4:14-16**

**14** Then we will no longer be infants, tossed back and forth by the waves, and blown here and there by every wind of teaching and by the cunning and craftiness of people in their deceitful scheming.

**15** Instead, speaking the truth in love, we will grow to become in every respect the mature body of him who is the head, that is, Christ. **16** From him the whole body, joined and held together by every supporting ligament, grows and builds itself up in love, as each part does its work.

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**“How can we grow up into Christ?  
The answer is that Christ forms us  
into a body - into a group of  
individuals who are united in their  
purpose and in their love for one  
another and for the Lord.”**

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**Ephesians 4:32**

**32 Be kind and  
compassionate to one  
another, forgiving each  
other, just as in Christ God  
forgave you.**

# Final Thoughts

## Matthew 28:18-20

**18** Then Jesus came to them and said, “All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. **19** Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, **20** and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age.”

# Life Applications

- **We are slaves of Christ**
- **What the Master commands we must do no matter what it is**
- **We are all missionaries**

# Final Thoughts

## Romans 6:17-18

**17** But thanks be to God that, though you used to be slaves to sin, you have come to obey from your heart the pattern of teaching that has now claimed your allegiance. **18** You have been set free from sin and have become slaves to righteousness.



# Final Thoughts

## Luke 17:10

**10** So you also, when you have done everything you were told to do, should say, ‘We are unworthy servants; we have only done our duty.’ ”

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## Mark 10:45

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