

# SERVANTHOOD

## Introduction to Servants

### 1 Chronicles 6

**49** But Aaron and his sons offered upon the altar of the burnt offering, and on the altar of incense, and were appointed for all the work of the place most holy, and to make an atonement for Israel, according to all that Moses the **servant of God** had commanded.

Servant – OT:5650 >db#u# > `ebed (eh'-bed); from OT:5647; a servant:

KJV - bondage, bondman, [bond-] servant, (man-) servant.

...from – OT:5647 >db^u\* > `abad (aw-bad'); a primitive root; to work (in any sense); by implication, to serve, till, (causatively) enslave, etc.:

KJV - be, keep in bondage, be bondmen, bond-service, compel, do, dress, ear, execute, husbandman, keep, labour (-ing man, bring to pass, (cause to, make to) serve (-ingself,)), (be, become) servant (-s), do (use) service, till (-er), transgress [from margin], (set a) work, be wrought, worshipper,

**Neh 10:11** (law given by Law of Moses) ;

**Daniel 9:11** (Israel departed from the voice of God in the Law of Moses);

**Rev 15:3** (song of Moses, the servant of God)...

### Joshua 24 ..until the end of the life of Joshua...

**29** And it came to pass after these things, that **Joshua the son of Nun**, the **servant of the LORD**, died, being an hundred and ten years old.

### Found in the NT

#### Titus 1

**1** Paul, a **servant of God**, and an apostle of Jesus Christ, according to the faith of God's elect, and the acknowledging of the truth which is after godliness;

Apostle – NT:652 >a)po/stolo\$ > apostolos (ap-os'-tol-os); from NT:649; a delegate; specially, an ambassador of the Gospel; officially a commissioner of Christ ["apostle"] (with miraculous powers): KJV - apostle, messenger, he that is sent.

Edued: to invest or endow with some gift, quality, or faculty. to put on; assume: *Hamlet* *endued the character of a madman.* to clothe.

#### James 1

**1** James, a **servant of God** and of the Lord Jesus Christ, to the twelve tribes which are scattered abroad, greeting.

#### Romans 1

**1** Paul, a **servant of Jesus Christ**, called to be an apostle, separated unto the gospel of God,

#### Philippians 1

**1** Paul and Timotheus, the **servants of Jesus Christ**, to all the saints in Christ Jesus which are at Philippi, with the bishops and deacons:

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### Introduction to Servants (cont)

#### James 1

**1 James, a servant of God and of the Lord Jesus Christ**, to the twelve tribes which are scattered abroad, greeting.

#### 2 Peter 1

**1 Simon Peter, a servant** and an apostle **of Jesus Christ**, to them that have obtained like precious faith with us through the righteousness of God and our Saviour Jesus Christ:

#### Jude 1

**1 Jude, the servant of Jesus Christ**, and brother of James, to them that are sanctified by God the Father, and preserved in Jesus Christ, and called:

***Moses...servant of the LORD***

#### Revelation 1

**1 The Revelation of Jesus Christ**, which God gave unto him, to **shew unto his servants** things which must shortly come to pass; and he sent and signified it by his angel unto **his servant John**:

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### Who is a servant?

#### Freeman

##### 1 Corinthians 7

**20** Let every man abide in the same calling wherein he was called.

**21** Art thou called being a servant? care not for it: but if thou mayest be made free, use it rather.

**22** For he that is called in the Lord, being a servant, is the Lord's freeman: likewise also he that is called, being free, is Christ's servant.

Freeman – NT:558 >a)peleu/qero\$ > apeleutheros (ap-el-yoo'-ther-os); from NT:575 and NT:1658; one freed away, i.e. a freedman: KJV - freeman.

...from – NT:575 >a)po/ > apo (apo'); a primary particle; "off," i.e. away (from something near), in various senses (of place, time, or relation; literal or figurative):

KJV - (X here-) after, ago, at, because of, before, by (the space of), for (-th), from, in, (out) of, off, (up-) on (-ce), since, with. In composition (as a prefix) it usually denotes separation, departure, cessation, completion, reversal, etc.

...from – NT:1658 >e)leu/qero\$ > eleutheros (el-yoo'-ther-os); probably from the alternate of NT:2064; unrestrained (to go at pleasure), i.e. (as a citizen) not a slave (whether freeborn or manumitted), or (genitive case) exempt (from obligation or liability):

KJV - free (man, woman), at liberty.

Servant – NT:1401 >dou=lo\$ > doulos (doo'-los); from NT:1210; a slave (literal or figurative, involuntary or voluntary; frequently, therefore in a qualified sense of subjection or subserviency): KJV - bond (-man), servant.

**The Lord Knows them who are and those who say they are and ARE NOT...  
...They who are God's apostles are those who are called by the will of God...**

#### Called

##### Jude 1

**1 Jude, the servant of Jesus Christ**, and brother of James, to them that are sanctified by God the Father, and preserved in Jesus Christ, and **called**:

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### Who is a servant? (cont)

#### Obey

##### Romans 6

**16** Know ye not, that **to whom ye yield yourselves servants to obey, his servants ye are to whom ye obey**; whether of sin unto death, or of obedience unto righteousness?

##### Titus 1

**1** Paul, a **servant** of God, and an apostle of Jesus Christ, according to the faith of God's elect, and the acknowledging of the truth which is after godliness;

#### Faithful

##### Hebrews 3

**4** For every house is builded by some man; but he that built all things is God.

**5** And Moses verily was faithful in all his house, as a servant, for a testimony of those things which were to be spoken after;

**6** But Christ as a son over his own house; whose house are we, if we hold fast the confidence and the rejoicing of the hope firm unto the end.

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### What is a servant?

#### Apostle

##### Romans 1

1 Paul, a **servant of Jesus Christ, called** to be an **apostle, separated** unto the gospel of God,

##### Titus 1

1 Paul, a **servant of God**, and an apostle of Jesus Christ, according to the faith of God's elect, and the acknowledging of the truth which is after godliness;

##### 1 Corinthians 9

1 Am I am not an apostle? am I not free? have I not seen Jesus Christ our Lord? are not ye my work in the Lord?

2 If I be not an apostle unto others, yet doubtless I am to you: for the seal of mine apostleship are ye in the Lord.

3 Mine answer to them that do examine me is this,

4 Have we not power to eat and to drink?

5 Have we not power to lead about a sister, a wife, as well as other apostles, and as the brethren of the Lord, and Cephas?

6 Or I only and Barnabas, have not we power to forbear working?

7 Who goeth a warfare any time at his own charges? who planteth a vineyard, and eateth not of the fruit thereof? or who feedeth a flock, and eateth not of the milk of the flock?

8 Say I these things as a man? or saith not the law the same also?

#### Apostle ...defined

##### Romans 1

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#### Apostle ...disclosed

##### 1 Corinthians 9

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#### Separated

##### Romans 1 ...for what

1 Paul, a servant of Jesus Christ, called to be an apostle, **separated** unto the gospel of God, Separated – NT:873 >a)fori/zw > aphorizo (af-or-id'-zo); from NT:575 and NT:3724; to set off by boundary, i.e. (figuratively) limit, exclude, appoint, etc.:

KJV - divide, separate, sever.

...from – NT:3724 >o(ri/zw > horizo (hor-id'-zo); from NT:3725; to mark out or bound ("horizon"), i.e. (figuratively) to appoint, decree, sepcify:

KJV - declare, determine, limit, ordain.

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### What is a servant? (cont)

**Separated (cont)**  
...when ...how (grace)

#### Galatians 1

**12** For I neither received it of man, neither was I taught it, but by the revelation of Jesus Christ.

**13** For ye have heard of my conversation in time past in the Jews' religion, how that beyond measure I persecuted the church of God, and wasted it:

**14** And profited in the Jews' religion above many my equals in mine own nation, being more exceedingly zealous of the traditions of my fathers.

**15** But when it pleased God, who separated me from my mother's womb, and called me by his grace,

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#### Jude 1

**18** How that they told you there should be **mockers in the last time**, who should **walk after their own ungodly lusts**.

**19** **These be they who separate themselves**, sensual, having not the Spirit.

**20** But ye, beloved, building up yourselves on your most holy faith, praying in the Holy Ghost,

#### Sanctified

**Jeremiah 1 ...predestinated**

**5** Before I formed thee in the belly I knew thee; and before thou camest forth out of the womb I **sanctified** thee, and I ordained thee a prophet unto the nations.

#### Elect of God

**1 Peter 1**

**2** Elect according to the **foreknowledge of God** the Father, **through sanctification of the Spirit**, unto obedience and sprinkling of the blood of Jesus Christ: Grace unto you, and peace, be multiplied.

**1 Corinthians 1 ...for all saints in the church**

**2** **Unto the church** of God which is at Corinth, to **them that are sanctified** in Christ Jesus, **called to be saints**, with all that in every place call upon the name of Jesus Christ our Lord, both their's and our's:

**1 Corinthians 6:11 ...by the Spirit of God we are**

And such were some of you: but **ye are washed**, but **ye are sanctified**, but **ye are justified** in the name of the Lord Jesus, and **by the Spirit of our God**.

**...why are we separated**

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### 2 Timothy 2

21 If a man therefore purge himself from these, he shall be a **vessel unto honour, sanctified, and meet for the master's use, and prepared unto every good work.**

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### What is a servant? (cont)

#### Sanctified (cont)

##### Hebrews 2

**10** For it became him, for whom are all things, and by whom are all things, in bringing many sons unto glory, to make the captain of their salvation perfect through sufferings.

**11** For **both he that sanctifieth and they who are sanctified are all of one**: for which cause he is not ashamed to call them brethren,

**12** Saying, I will declare thy name unto my brethren, in the midst of the church will I sing praise unto thee.

#### Righteous

##### Romans 6

**18** Being then **made free** from sin, ye became the **servants of righteousness**.

##### Romans 6 ...holy and have eternal life

**22** But now being **made free** from sin, and become **servants to God**, ye have your fruit unto holiness, and the end everlasting life.

#### What a servant of God is not...

##### 1 Corinthians 7

**23** Ye are bought with a price; **be not ye the servants of men**.



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## How shall we live as servants?

### Serving God Alone

#### Matthew 6 (Luke 16:13)

**23** But if thine eye be evil, thy whole body shall be full of darkness. If therefore the light that is in thee be darkness, how great is that darkness!

**24 No man can serve two masters:** for either he will hate the one, and love the other; or else he will hold to the one, and despise the other. Ye cannot serve God and mammon.

**25** Therefore I say unto you, Take no thought for your life, what ye shall eat, or what ye shall drink; nor yet for your body, what ye shall put on. Is not the life more than meat, and the body than raiment?

### Consulting only the Counselor

#### Galatians 1

**16** To reveal his Son in me, that I might preach him among the heathen; immediately I conferred [consulted] not with flesh and blood:

*...Let us speak as oracles of God*

#### 2 Timothy 2

**1** Thou therefore, my son, be **strong** in the grace that is in Christ Jesus.

**2** And the things that thou hast heard of me among many witnesses, the same **commit thou to faithful men**, who shall be able to **teach** others also.

### Good and Faithful

#### Matthew 25

**21** His lord said unto him, Well done, thou **good and faithful servant**: thou hast been faithful over a few things, I will make thee ruler over many things: enter thou into the joy of thy lord.

### Longsuffering

**3** Thou therefore **endure hardness**, as a good soldier of Jesus Christ.

#### Ephesians 5 ...for Christ's Sake we endure for the Elect's Sake !

**9** Wherein I **suffer trouble**, as an evil doer, even unto bonds; but the word of God is not bound.

**10** Therefore I **endure all things for the elect's sakes**, that they may also obtain the salvation which is in Christ Jesus with eternal glory.

**11** It is a faithful saying: For if we be dead with him, we shall also live with him:

**12** If we suffer, we shall also reign with him: if we deny him, he also will deny us:

**13** If we believe not, yet he abideth faithful: he cannot deny himself.

**14** Of these things put them in remembrance, charging them before the Lord that they strive not about words to no profit, but to the subverting of the hearers.

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### How shall we live as servants? (cont)

#### Remain focused

##### 2 Timothy 2

**4** No man that warreth entangleth himself with the affairs of this life; that he may please him who hath chosen him to be a soldier.

#### Lawful

**5** And if a man also strive for masteries, yet is he not crowned, except he **strive lawfully**.

#### Not quashing the Spirit

**6** The husbandman that laboureth must be first **partaker of the fruits**.

#### Philippians 1 ...live righteously

**11** Being filled with the **fruits of righteousness**, which are by Jesus Christ, unto the glory and praise of God.

#### 2 Corinthians 9

**10** Now he that ministereth seed to the sower both minister bread for your food, and multiply your seed sown, and **increase the fruits of your righteousness;**)

#### Not quashing the Spirit (cont)

#### Galatians 5

**21** Envyings, murders, drunkenness, revellings, and such like: of the which I tell you before, as I have also told you in time past, that they which do such things shall not inherit the kingdom of God.

**22** But the **fruit of the Spirit** is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith,

**23** Meekness, temperance: against such there is no law.

#### Relying upon God

##### 2 Timothy 2

**7** Consider what I say; and the Lord give thee **understanding in all things**.

#### Psalm 119 ...ASK for IT...

**125** I am thy **servant**; give me **understanding**, that I may know thy testimonies.

#### Isaiah 43 ...to understand what God says about Him...

**10** Ye are my **witnesses**, saith the LORD, and my **servant** whom I have **chosen**: that ye may **know and believe** me, and **understand** that I am he: **before me there was no God formed, neither shall there be after me**.

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### How shall we live as servants? (cont)

#### Proving what is acceptable

##### Ephesians 5

**8** For ye were sometimes darkness, but now are ye light in the Lord: walk as children of light:

**9** (For the fruit of the Spirit is in all goodness and righteousness and truth;)

**10** Proving what is acceptable unto the Lord.

**8** Remember that Jesus Christ of the seed of David was raised from the dead according to my gospel:

#### Studying

##### 2 Timothy 2

**15 Study to shew thyself approved unto God**, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, **rightly dividing the word of truth.**

#### Watching our speech, and attitude

**16 But shun profane and vain babblings:** for they will increase unto more ungodliness.

**17** And their word will eat as doth a canker: of whom is Hymenaeus and Philetus;

**18** Who concerning the truth have erred, saying that the resurrection is past already; and overthrow the faith of some.

#### Avoid sinning

**19** Nevertheless the foundation of God standeth sure, having this seal, The Lord knoweth them that are his. And, let every one that nameth the name of Christ **depart from iniquity.**

**20** But in a great house there are not only vessels of gold and of silver, but also of wood and of earth; and some to honour, and some to dishonour.

#### Living honourably

**21** If a man therefore **purge himself** from these, **he shall be a vessel unto honour, sanctified, and meet for the master's use, and prepared unto every good work.**

#### Without lusting ...assembling with the saints

**22 Flee also youthful lusts:** but **follow righteousness, faith, charity, peace,** with them that call on the Lord out of a pure heart.

#### Without strife

**23** But foolish and unlearned questions avoid, knowing that they do gender strifes.

#### Gentle, being instructed, patient (waiting on God)

**24** And **the servant of the Lord must not strive; but be gentle unto all men, apt to teach, patient,**

**25 In meekness instructing those that oppose themselves;** if God peradventure will give them repentance to the acknowledging of the truth;

**26** And that they may recover themselves out of the snare of the devil, who are taken captive by him at his will.

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### **How shall we live as servants? (cont)**

#### **Please God**

##### **Galatians 1 ..not man...**

**10** For do I now persuade men, or God? or do I seek to please men? for if I yet pleased men, I should not be the **servant of Christ**.

#### **Not of Man**

##### **Galatians 1**

**11** But I certify you, brethren, that the gospel which was preached of me is **not after man**.

#### **Not of Man**

##### **Galatians 1**

**12** For I **neither received it of man**, neither was I taught it, but by the revelation of Jesus Christ.

#### **For Jesus' sake**

##### **2 Corinthians 4**

**5** For we **preach not ourselves**, but Christ Jesus the Lord; and ourselves your **servants for Jesus' sake**.

#### **Hard Labor**

##### **Colossians 4**

**12** Epaphras, who is one of you, a **servant of Christ**, saluteth you, **always labouring fervently for you in prayers**, that ye may stand perfect and complete in all the will of God.

#### **Wisely**

##### **Psalms 101**

**2** I will **behave myself wisely** in a **perfect way**. O when wilt thou come unto me? I will walk within my house with a **perfect heart**.

#### **Charitably**

##### **1 Corinthians 13**

**4** **Charity** suffereth long, and is kind; charity envieth not; charity vaunteth not itself, is not puffed up,

**5** Doth not behave itself unseemly, seeketh not her own, is not easily provoked, thinketh no evil;

**6** Rejoiceth not in iniquity, but rejoiceth in the truth;

##### **Galatians 5 ...liberally in liberty**

**13** For, **brethren**, ye have been **called unto liberty**; only use not liberty for an occasion to the flesh, but **by love serve one another**.

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### How shall we live as servants? (cont)

#### **1 Thessalonians 2**

**9** For ye remember, brethren, our labour and travail: for labouring night and day, because we would not be chargeable unto any of you, we preached unto you the gospel of God.

**10** Ye are witnesses, and God also, how **holily and justly and unblameably** we behaved ourselves among you that believe:

**11** As ye know how we exhorted and comforted and charged every one of you, as a father doth his children,

#### **Orderly**

#### **2 Thessalonians 3**

**7** For yourselves know how ye ought to follow us: for we behaved not ourselves disorderly among you;

#### **Fearfully**

#### **Psalm 2**

**11** Serve the LORD with fear, and rejoice with trembling.

#### **Joyfully**

#### **Psalm 100**

**2** Serve the LORD with gladness: come before his presence with singing.

#### **In work and play**

#### **Ephesians 6**

**1** Children, obey your parents in the Lord: for this is right.

**2** Honour thy father and mother; which is the first commandment with promise;

**3** That it may be well with thee, and thou mayest live long on the earth.

**4** And, ye fathers, provoke not your children to wrath: but bring them up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord.

**5 Servants, be obedient to them that are your masters** according to the flesh, with fear and trembling, in **singleness of your heart**, as unto Christ;

**6** Not with eyeservice, as menpleasers; but as the servants of Christ, doing the will of God from the heart;

**7 With good will doing service, as to the Lord**, and not to men:

#### **1 Peter 2**

**18** Servants, be subject to your masters with all fear; not only to the good and gentle, but also to the froward.

**8** Knowing that whatsoever good thing any man doeth, the same shall he receive of the Lord, whether he be bond or free.

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### How shall we live as servants? (cont)

#### In work and play (cont)

##### Ephesians 6

9 And, ye **masters, do the same things unto them**, forbearing threatening: knowing that your Master also is in heaven; neither is there respect of persons with him.

##### Philippians 2 As our Lord is our example...we are an example

6 Who, being in the form of God, thought it not robbery to be equal with God:

7 **But made himself of no reputation, and took upon him the form of a servant**, and was made in the likeness of men:

8 And being found in fashion as a man, he humbled himself, and became obedient unto death, even the death of the cross.

##### 1 Timothy 6

1 Let as many servants as are under the yoke count their own masters worthy of all honour, that the name of God and his doctrine be not blasphemed.

2 And they that have believing masters, let them not despise them, because they are brethren; but rather do them service, because they are faithful and beloved, partakers of the benefit. These things teach and exhort.

3 If any man teach otherwise, and consent not to wholesome words, even the words of our Lord Jesus Christ, and to the doctrine which is according to godliness;

4 He is proud, knowing nothing, but doting about questions and strifes of words, whereof cometh envy, strife, railings, evil surmisings,

5 Perverse disputings of men of corrupt minds, and destitute of the truth, supposing that gain is godliness: from such withdraw thyself.

##### Content

6 But godliness with contentment is great gain.

##### Do not weary

##### Galatians 6

9 And let us not be **weary** in **well** doing: for in due season we shall reap, if we faint not.

##### 2 Thessalonians 3

13 But ye, brethren, be not **weary** in **well** doing.

##### Do Good

##### Psalm 34:14

Depart from evil, and **do good**; seek peace, and pursue it.

##### Psalm 37:27

Depart from evil, and **do good**; and dwell for evermore.

##### Psalm 37:3

Trust in the LORD, and **do good**; so shalt thou dwell in the land, and verily thou shalt

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be fed.

### How shall we live as servants? (cont)

*...Willingly*

**Psalm 51:18**

**Do good** in thy good pleasure unto Zion: build thou the walls of Jerusalem.

*...with reward*

**Psalm 125:4**

**Do good**, O LORD, unto those that be good, and to them that are upright in their hearts.

#### **1 Peter 2**

**18** Servants, be subject to your masters with all fear; not only to the good and gentle, but also to the froward.

#### **John 15**

**15** Henceforth **I call you not servants**; for **the servant knoweth not what his lord doeth**: but **I have called you friends**; for **all things that I have heard of my Father I have made known unto you**.

#### **Mark 9**

**35** And he sat down, and **called** the twelve, and saith unto them, If any man desire to be first, the same shall be last of all, and **servant** of all.

#### **Romans 16**

**17** Now I beseech you, brethren, mark them which cause divisions and offences contrary to the doctrine which ye have learned; and avoid them.

**18** For they that are such serve not our Lord Jesus Christ, but their own belly; and by good words and fair speeches deceive the hearts of the simple.

**19** For your obedience is come abroad unto all men. I am glad therefore on your behalf: but yet I would have you wise unto that which is good, and simple concerning evil.

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### How shall we live as servants? (cont)

As an Heir

#### Galatians 4

7 Wherefore thou art **no more a servant**, but a son; and if a son, then an **heir of God** through Christ.

**Galatians 4: 8-11 ...act like an heir...**

#### Philemon 1

10 I beseech thee for my son **Onesimus**, whom I have begotten in my bonds:

11 Which in time past was to thee unprofitable, but now profitable to thee and to me:

12 Whom I have sent again: thou therefore **receive him, that is, mine own bowels**:

13 Whom I would have retained with me, that in thy stead he might have ministered unto me in the bonds of the gospel:

14 But without thy mind would I do nothing; that thy benefit should not be as it were of necessity, but willingly.

15 For perhaps he therefore departed for a season, that thou shouldest receive him for ever;

16 **Not now as a servant**, but **above a servant**, a **brother beloved**, specially to me, but how much more unto thee, both **in the flesh, and in the Lord?**

17 If thou count me therefore a partner, **receive him as myself**.

You are to introduce Christ to the world

Saving some who are called

You are to introduce them to the saints

Being a servant to them

You are the example to those should be taught

Revealing God in you

You are to live as servants

Even as our Lord lived perfectly...

...so we are to live perfectly in the way of Him...