We Are Servants

Albert Dickson · 2 Corinthians 6:3–6 · Series: **Working Together With God**

INTRODUCTION

- We looked at passages like Ephesians chapter 2, verses 8 through 10, where we see that we are saved by the grace of God.
- As one who is created in Christ Jesus, a workmanship of God, you have purpose. And those purposes are the good works that God had prepared beforehand.

1 Commending Ourselves as Servants of God

2 Corinthians 6:3–6

- But in everything, commending ourselves as servants of God in much endurance, in afflictions, in hardships, in distresses, in beatings, in imprisonments.
- We are servants of God. When we are working together with God, we need to keep that in mind.
- If we don't keep that in mind, we're going to end up putting ourselves ahead of God, thereby doing things that are not in line with his will.
- We are servants of God when we submit ourselves to his will.

2 Servants Through Whom You Believed

- Paul writes and further shows that this is all about God. It's about the exaltation of him.
- What then is Apollos? And what is Paul? Servants through whom you believe, even as the Lord gave opportunity to each one.
- Let a man regard us in this manner as servants of Christ, and stewards of the mysteries of God.
- But the reality is, God is the one that's going to judge us. And so at all times we need to make sure that we recognize that we are servants.

3 A Disciple Is Not Above His Teacher

Matthew 10:24–25; 1 Peter 2:21–23

- A disciple is not above his teacher, nor a slave above his master. It is enough for the disciples that he become like his teacher, and the slave like his master.
- You're not above the teacher. You'll be like it. If you serve as you ought.
- For you have been called for this purpose. Since Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example for you to follow in his steps.
- Do you see the thought process of what it means to be a servant? It means that you are to follow in the footsteps of the Christ.

4 We Are Servants: The Very Essence of Christ

- That phrase, we are servants, is connected to the very aspect of the essence of God in Christ Jesus.

- God was saying that I am, I exist because I exist. In other words, that statement is the very being of who God is.
- When we follow in the footsteps of the Christ, we're being in the very essence of the Christ.
- And if we work together with him, we're going to become like him. That's the concept of working together with God.

5 God Is the Authority

Matthew 16:19

- I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth, shall have been bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth shall have been loosed in heaven.
- Jesus is letting them know, and as we read this, letting us know that God is the authority. That's why we're not to be above him.
- God issues the instructions, and as servants, we listen to what he says, and we obey the command.
- God's instructions benefit us, even though we may run into conflict.

6 Remember Moses: We Are Still Servants

Numbers 20:6–8; Luke 17:10

- I told you to speak to the rock. You struck it.
- God says, You did not honor me before the people.
- It will never make us above God. We are servants.
- Jesus says, No, we're still unworthy servants. We're just doing what we were supposed to do.

> THE CHALLENGE
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> **And we should humbly bow and submit to Him and recognize that being a servant is a blessing from God.**

MY NOTES