

## BEGINNING ANEW IN SERVICE!

Luke 22:24-27

INTRODUCTION: Today we will speak of the spiritual discipline of service. When we live a life of service to our Lord and to others we begin a life of spiritual growth. If we desire to be great in the eyes of our Lord, here is where to start and the good news is anyone may chose to be a servant of Jesus Christ by choosing to serve others! Luke 22:25-27 was acted out by our Lord Jesus' own life: John 13:1-4; John 13:12-17. Would you like to be blessed? Consider being a servant for Christ and serving others.

### I. OUR LORD EXPECTS HIS SONS AND DAUGHTERS TO SERVE OTHERS IN HIS KINGDOM!

How does our Lord expect us average disciples to serve Him by serving others? We need to serve immediately: Joshua 24:15. If you are waiting for a better time to serve the Lord than now you will never find that better time. We must serve completely: Colossians 3:23-24; 1 Corinthians 7:35. We must serve gladly: Psalm 100:2; Deuteronomy 28:47-48.

### II. OUR PREPARATION FOR SERVICE!

Our God does not call to His service those who are prepared; He prepares those for service who choose to obey His calling for service! Philippians 2:13. God created each of us for service to others and we were each converted for service! When you were born again into God's family He gave you spiritual gifts to be used for the good of His body: Romans 12:3-8. We were each commissioned by our Lord for service: John 20:21.

### III. OUR MOTIVATION FOR SERVICE!

If our God expects us to serve immediately, completely and gladly and we have been created, converted and commissioned for service what more motivation do we need to serve? The correct answer would be the need! We ought to be motivated by the needs of others! Isaiah 6:8. There are opportunities of service all around us. All we need to do is ask the Lord with an honest and open heart: "Lord what would you have me to do!" Matthew 9:35-38.