



What do you do more than others?

We've come to our final class in "Profiles of Serving." We've looked at several examples in our Bibles of people who had the spirit and heart of a servant. Some of them were well known. Others, were not. We've also looked at the characteristics of serving.

Action, or "doing," is a major component of discipleship. Peter told Cornelius that Jesus went about doing good (Acts 10:38). Paul told Titus that "our people must learn to engage in good deeds to meet pressing needs" (Titus 3:14).

A. Notice the emphasis upon "Doing" - ours is a show me type of faith

- Lk 10:37
- Gal 6:10
- Mt 25:31-40

Does it matter than what I believe, as long as I am doing good deeds?

B. The title for our final lesson comes from a statement Jesus made in the sermon on the mount (Matthew 5:44-48).

1. What were the "others" doing?

2. What did Jesus expect His disciples to do that was different?

3. Sometimes our friends in the world do a better job of "doing good" than God's people. What impact does that leave with you?

C. In Matthew 4:10, Jesus told Satan in the temptations, "You shall worship the Lord your God, and serve Him only."

- How is worship and service connected?

D. Learning to engage in good deeds begins at home

- Three Principles that serving is built upon:

- (a) doing things that you do not _____ to do
- (b) doing things for _____
- (c) doing things for the _____ of others

- The two demons that destroy serving are:

1. S _____ & I _____

- How are those demons driven out?

- Rom 12:4 "We do not have the same _____"

1. How does one know what their talent is?

Matthew 5:44-48 "But I say to you, love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you,⁴⁵ so that you may be sons of your Father who is in heaven; for He causes His sun to rise on *the* evil and *the* good, and sends rain on *the* righteous and *the* unrighteous.⁴⁶ For if you love those who love you, what reward do you have? Do not even the tax collectors do the same?⁴⁷ If you greet only your brothers, what more are you doing *than others*? Do not even the Gentiles do the same?⁴⁸ Therefore you are to be perfect, as your heavenly Father is perfect.

This class ought to have shown you that there are things that you can do. These things will make a difference in the lives of others and in the kingdom.