

FROM A SERVANT TO A SON

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(Gal. 4:7)

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1. WE ARE CALLED TO BE A SERVANT.

1. Will serve one of two masters.

1. *"Nor servant 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."* (Lu. 16:13).
2. *"Art thou called being a servant? Care not for it: but if thou mayest be made free, use it rather. 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"* (I Co. 7:20-21)

2. A Minister is a servant; ministry is serving.

1. The Greek word for minister is diakoneo.
2. Mt. 20:26-28 - *"But whosoever will be great among you, let him be your minister; And whosoever will be chief among you, let him be your servant: Even as the Son of man came not to be ministered unto, but to minister, and to give his life a ransom for many."*
3. Mt. 23:11 - *"But he that is greatest among you shall be your servant."*

3. Obedience.

1. His servant you are to whom you obey.
2. Jesus was obedient.
 1. *"Though he were a Son, yet learned he obedience by the things which he suffered."* (Heb. 5:8)
 2. Phil. 2:8 - *"And being found in fashion as a man, he humbled himself, and became obedient unto death, even the death of the cross."*

4. Humility.

1. I Pe. 5:5 - *"Likewise, ye younger, submit yourselves unto the elder. yea, all of you be subject one to another, and be clothed with humility: for God resisteth the proud, and giveth grace to the humble."*
2. Exaltation through humility.
 1. Ja. 4:10 - *"Humble yourselves in the sight of the Lord, and he shall lift you up."*
 2. Lu. 14:11 - *"For whosoever exalteth himself shall be abased; and he that humbleth himself shall be exalted."*
 3. Humble yourself under the mighty hand of God that he may exalt you

in due season...

4. Pr. 15:33 - "...before honour is humility..."
 5. Phil. 2:8-9 - "*And being found in fashion as a man, he humbled himself, and became obedient unto death, even the death of the cross. Wherefore God also hath highly exalted him, and given him a name which is above every name...*"
 5. Faithfulness.
 6. Disciplined.
 1. Discipline is being able to restrain yourself when the normal tendency is to react or respond.
 1. Standing still when the tendency is to move. It takes motivation to move; discipline to stand still.
 2. Standing without distraction.
 - (1) Show horses.
 - (2) Coon dogs.
 2. Not losing your cool.
 7. Make disciples of all men.
 1. Teach all nations.
 1. Teach - from the Greek word *matheleus*, meaning to disciple.
 2. Means to not only learn, but to become attached to one's teacher and to become his follower in doctrine and conduct of life.
 3. Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I command you-- from Greek word *didasho*, meaning to instruct by word of mouth.
 2. A disciple is a disciplined one.
 1. Life in order.
 2. Life glorifying to God.
 3. Prepared for service through discipline to be useful for God's work.
2. RELATIONSHIP AS A FRIEND.
1. Friend (ahab) - to have affection for.
 1. A bond of love.
 2. Close bond that exists between two people whose hearts and minds are blended together as were those of David and Jonathan; a true friend who will love us as his own soul--will stick closer than a brother.
 3. Moses was friend of God.
 4. Jesus - "*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*" (John 15:15).
 2. No more special relationship than that of a friend.
 3. One thing to find a friend; another thing to keep that friendship strong and healthy.
 1. This takes work.
 2. Expect something for nothing; expect other person to do all the giving.
 4. Mark of a friend.

1. Show mercy - Pr. 3:3-4
2. Show love.
 1. Relationship is based on love.
 2. Pr. 17:17 - *"A friend loveth at all times, and a brother is born for adversity."*
3. Be honest.
4. Be trustworthy.
5. Be dependable.
5. Be considerate.

3. FROM A SERVANT TO A SON.

1. We are no longer a servant.
 1. *"Wherefore thou art no more a servant, but a son; and if a son, then an heir of God through Christ."* (Gal. 4:7).
 2. The son abides in house forever. *"And the servant abideth not in the house for ever: but the Son abideth ever."* (Jn. 8:35).
2. Mark of a son.
 1. Have relationship with Father.
 2. Bone of his bone; flesh of His flesh.
3. Heir--in line for all that is the Father's.
 1. All I have is thine.
 2. He that overcomes shall inherit all things.
4. God's call to us as sons.
 1. *"But as many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his name."* (Jn. 1:12).
 2. *"For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, they are the sons of God."* (Rom. 8:14).
 3. *"Behold, what manner of love the Father hath bestowed upon us, that we should be called the sons of God: therefore the world knoweth us not, because it knew him not."* (I Jn. 3:1).
 4. *"Beloved, now are we the sons of God, and it doth not yet appear what we shall be: but we know that, when he shall appear, we shall be like him; for we shall see him as he is."* (I Jn. 3:2).
5. *"Now I say, That the heir, as long as he is a child, differeth nothing from a servant, though he be lord of all."* (Ga. 4:1).