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SABBATH AFTERNOON

Read for This Week's Study: 1 Cor. 1:12–17, Rom. 1:29, 1 Cor. 1:10, 1 Cor. 3:1–4, Phil. 2:5–8, 2 Cor. 11:23–28, Col. 1:24.

Memory Text: "I appeal to you, brothers, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that all of you agree, and that there be no divisions among you, but that you be united in the same mind and the same judgment"
(1 Corinthians 1:10, ESV).

WEDNESDAY

July 15

Christlike Servanthood

]]> Servanthood

From: [definitions.net](https://www.definitions.net/definition/servanthood) <https://www.definitions.net/definition/servanthood>
can be defined as the act of willingly serving and placing the needs and interests of others above one's own. It involves adopting a humble and selfless attitude, carrying out tasks and responsibilities with dedication, and seeking to contribute to the well-being and success of those being served.
Servanthood often involves acts of kindness, compassion, and support, and it can be demonstrated in various personal and professional settings.

Read 1 Corinthians 4:1, 2. What does this passage teach about the correct view one must have about human leaders?

1 Corinthians 4:1 1 Let a man so consider us, as servants of Christ and stewards of the mysteries of God.

In 1 Corinthians 3:1–4, Paul hints that cliques result from a lack of spiritual maturity. However, before addressing this topic, he affirms, “We have the mind of Christ” (1 Cor. 2:16, NKJV). **This phrase likely refers to Christ’s way of thinking and acting.** In other words, the believer has “the mind of Christ” when he thinks and acts like Christ. Putting this mind into practice in all matters of life is not that easy, though, is it? In the Greco-Roman world, there was much competition among political figures, philosophers, thinkers, and religious leaders. The longing for cultural approval apparently led the church of Corinth to follow secular standards. This may be a danger for the church today, too.

]]> Life of Christ was characterized by a life of service to others.

1 Corinthians 4:2 Moreover it is required in stewards that one be found faithful.

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(Strong) G4103 πιστός pistos pis-tos'

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God is faithful

[1Co 1:9](#) God *is* faithful, by whom ye were called unto the fellowship of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord.

Jesus Christ, who is the faithful

[Rev 1:5](#) And from Jesus Christ, *who is* the faithful witness, *and* the first begotten of the dead, and the prince of the kings of the earth. Unto him that loved us, and washed us from our sins in his own blood,

Jesus will work in your life if you allow it

[1Co 1:4](#) I thank my God always on your behalf, for the grace of God which is given you by Jesus Christ;

[1Co 1:5](#) That in every thing ye are enriched by him, in all utterance, and in all knowledge;

[1Co 1:6](#) Even as the testimony of Christ was confirmed in you:

[1Co 1:7](#) So that ye come behind in no gift; waiting for the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ:

[1Co 1:8](#) Who shall also confirm you unto the end, *that ye may be* blameless in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ.

[Php 3:3](#) For we are the circumcision, which worship God in the spirit, and rejoice in Christ Jesus, and have **no confidence in the flesh.**

if we hold fast the confidence

Heb 3:5 And Moses verily *was* faithful in all his house, as a servant, for a testimony of those things which were to be spoken after;

Heb 3:6 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.

Read Philippians 2:5–8. How does this text help us understand the phrase “the mind of Christ” (1 Cor. 2:16)?

Philippians 2:5-8 5 Let this mind be in you which was also in Christ Jesus, 6 who, being in the form of God, did not consider it robbery to be equal with God,

7 but made Himself of no reputation, taking the form of a bondservant, *and* coming in the likeness of men.

8 And being found in appearance as a man, He humbled Himself and became obedient to *the point of* death, even the death of the cross.

1 Corinthians 2:16 For “who has known the mind of the Lord that he may instruct Him?” But we have the mind of Christ.

*****READ*****

Christ does not bid His followers strive to shine. He says, Let your light shine. If you have received the grace of God, the light is in you. Remove the obstructions, and the Lord’s glory will be revealed. The light will shine forth to penetrate and dispel the darkness. You cannot help shining within the range of your influence. COL 420.1

*****READ*****

Just as in Corinth, divisions were also taking place in the church of Philippi (*Phil. 2:1–4*), perhaps to a lesser degree. **Philippians 2:1–8 teaches us that a Christlike servanthood requires dying to self and to selfish ambitions, and seeking instead to bless others above ourselves, as did Jesus.**

Question: How do you learn to think and act like Christ?

2 Corinthians 3:18 But we all, with unveiled face, beholding as in a mirror the glory of the Lord, are being transformed into the same image from glory to glory, just as by the Spirit of the Lord.

rising up a great while before day

Mrk 1:35 And in the morning, rising up a great while before day, he went out, and departed into a solitary place, and there prayed.

He went up into a mountain apart to pray

Mat 14:23 And when he had sent the multitudes away, he went up into a mountain apart to pray: and when the evening was come, he was there alone.

I have been crucified with Christ

Galatians 2:20 I have been crucified with Christ; it is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me; and the *life* which I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself for me.

Galatians 5:19 Now the works of the flesh are evident, which are: **adultery, fornication, uncleanness, lewdness,**
20 idolatry, sorcery, hatred, contentions, jealousies, outbursts of wrath, selfish ambitions, dissensions, heresies,
21 envy, murders, drunkenness, revelries, and the like; of which I tell you beforehand, just as I also told *you* in time past, that those who practice such things will not inherit the kingdom of God.

the fruit of the Spirit

REF:>> Galatians 5:22 But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, kindness, goodness, faithfulness,
23 gentleness, self-control. Against such there is no law.
24 And those *who are* Christ's have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires.
25 If we live in the Spirit, let us also walk in the Spirit.
26 Let us not become conceited, provoking one another, envying one another.

A Christlike servanthood is what Paul meant by the phrase "servants of Christ" (1 Cor. 4:1, NKJV). This phrase can convey the idea that they serve Christ as assistants or subordinates. It is clear that a correct view of human leaders is based on Christ's example of leadership. The servants are further portrayed as "stewards" (1 Cor. 4:1, 2).
A steward is a person who has been entrusted with administrating the property of somebody else. And whatever we have, it all belongs to Christ, anyway.

Part of Speech: noun masculine

A Related Word by Thayer's/Strong's Number: from [G5259](#) and a derivative of *eresso* (to row)

From: SDA BC

Ministries. Gr. *hupēretai*, “servants,” “attendants,” “ministers.” The word was originally used for the rowers on the war galleys, and distinguished these rowers from the soldiers who stood on the deck and fought. Later it came to be used with reference to any subordinate who engaged in hard labor and, in military terminology, of orderlies who served their commander in chief. This use of *hupēretai* as the military servants whose duty it was to attend the highest officers in the army may be reflected in Paul’s use of it in this verse. Those who are entrusted with the work of the gospel ministry are, in a special sense, the attendants of the great heavenly Commander in Chief, Jesus. They are the official, human representatives of Christ, the royal officers of His spiritual kingdom (see John 18:36, where this word is translated “servants”).

Stewards. Gr. *oikonomoi*, “managers,” “stewards.” The Greeks used this word in connection with the management of property, either of a household or of an estate, and applied it to the slaves or freedmen who were entrusted with the care and management of the house and land belonging to their master. The steward not only presided over the affairs of the household, but also made provision for it. This was an office of considerable responsibility. The application of this word to Christ’s ministers is singularly appropriate. The gospel minister is charged with caring for the church of God on earth and providing that which is necessary for its well-being (see John 21:15–17; 1 Peter 5:1–3). From SDA BC

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Thayer Definition:

- 1) trusty, faithful
 - 1a) of persons who show themselves faithful in the transaction of business, the execution of commands, or the discharge of official duties
 - 1b) one who kept his plighted faith, worthy of trust
 - 1c) that can be relied on
- 2) easily persuaded
 - 2a) believing, confiding, trusting
 - 2b) in the NT one who trusts in God's promises
 - 2b1) one who is convinced that Jesus has been raised from the dead
 - 2b2) one who has become convinced that Jesus is the Messiah and author of salvation

Part of Speech: adjective

As a people, we must have more love. Our hearts must grow soft in contemplating Christ. Oh that we might see our need of sympathy and wisdom and grace! When we are Christlike, we shall acknowledge no walls of partition. Christ died for all, and all who will believe may be cleansed from sin. **It is the privilege of all to reach the perfection of Christian character. The true Christian educates himself to look away from self to Christ;** and as he beholds his matchless mercy, his inexpressible love, every barrier between him and his brethren is broken down. **The harshness of his nature is melted. He is refined and purified by the furnace fires, and can present an offering to God in righteousness.** The law of kindness is upon his lips as the expression of the soul. Looking unto Jesus, the author and finisher of his faith, he is changed into the same image. RH November 21, 1899, par. 10

1Th 3:12 And the Lord make you to increase and abound in love one toward another, and toward all men, even as we do toward you:

1Th 3:13 To the end he may stablish your hearts unblameable in holiness before God, even our Father, at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ with all his saints.

No other life was ever so crowded with labor and responsibility as was that of Jesus; **yet how often He was found in prayer!** How constant was His communion with God! Again and again in the history of His earthly life are found records such as these: “Rising up a great while before day, He went out, and departed into a solitary place, and there prayed.” “Great multitudes came together to hear, and to be healed by Him of their infirmities. And He withdrew Himself into the wilderness, and prayed.” “And it came to pass in those days, that He went out into a mountain to pray, and continued all night in prayer to God.” Mark 1:35; Luke 5:15, 16; 6:12. DA 362.3

In a life wholly devoted to the good of others, the Saviour found it necessary to withdraw from the thoroughfares of travel and from the throng that followed Him day after day. He must turn aside from a life of ceaseless activity and contact with human needs, to seek retirement and unbroken communion with His Father. As one with us, a sharer in our needs and weaknesses, He was wholly dependent upon God, and in the secret place of prayer He sought divine strength, that He might go forth braced for duty and trial. In a world of sin Jesus endured struggles and torture of soul. In communion with God He could unburden the sorrows that were crushing Him. Here He found comfort and joy DA 362.4

Our missionary work should begin with our own hearts, to set them in order. If we have unkind thoughts and feelings toward others, we must put them away. Nothing of this kind should be cherished. “Let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus.” We must ourselves be faithful Christians if we expect to do the work of a missionary. Our words must be like apples of gold in pictures of silver. ST October 12, 1891, par. 2

We must learn to distrust self, and to rely wholly upon God for guidance and support, for a knowledge of his will, and for strength to perform it. We must be much in communion with God. Prayer in secret, prayer while the hands are engaged in labor, prayer while walking by the way, prayer in the night season, the heart’s desires ever ascending to God,—this is our only

safety. In this manner Enoch walked with God. In this manner our Exemplar obtained strength to tread the thorny path from Nazareth to Calvary. RH November 8, 1887, par. 5

Christ, the sinless One, upon whom the Holy Spirit was bestowed without measure, constantly acknowledged his dependence upon God, and sought fresh supplies from the Source of strength and wisdom.

How much more should finite, erring man feel his need of help from God every hour and every moment. How carefully should he follow the Leading Hand; how carefully treasure every word that has been given for his guidance and instruction! “As the eyes of servants look unto the hand of their masters, and as the eyes of a maiden unto the hand of her mistress,” so should our eyes be upon the Lord our God. His commands should be received with implicit faith, and obeyed with cheerful exactness. RH November 8, 1887, par. 6

Self confidence is the rock upon which many have been wrecked. The secret of the Christian’s strength and safety is revealed in the words of the apostle, “kept by the power of God.” In all the undertakings of life, the language of the heart should be, “If the Lord will.” We should humbly wait for divine instruction, never going before, or contrary to our, Heavenly Guide. RH November 8, 1887, par. 7

Would that we could comprehend the significance of the words, “Christ suffered, being tempted.” While he was free from the taint of sin, the refined sensibilities of his holy nature rendered contact with evil unspeakably painful to him. Yet with human nature upon him, he met the arch apostate face to face, and single-handed withstood the foe of his throne. Not even by a thought could Christ be brought to yield to the power of temptation. Satan finds in human hearts some point where he can gain a foot-hold; some sinful desire is cherished, by means of which his temptations assert their power. But Christ declared of himself, “The prince of this world cometh, and hath nothing in me.” The storms of temptation burst upon him, but they could not cause him to swerve from his allegiance to God. RH November 8, 1887, par. 8