



"And this is the commandment we have from Him, that the one who loves God should love his brother also." 1 John 4: 21

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Heart to Heart...

On that final night before the crucifixion, there were thirteen men in that upper room. Jesus had several things on His heart. He had listened to His disciples argue which one of them was the greatest (Luke 22:24). There were twelve lords and one servant sitting that night around a table! Only one, our Lord and Savior, knew anything about serving and He was going to teach them the heart of God.

John chapter 13 tells us exactly what Jesus was thinking that night. First, He knew His hour had come (John 13:1). Secondly, He knew that all things had been given into His hands by His Father (John 13:3). Thirdly, He knew He had come forth from God. Finally, He was going back to God (John 13:3). While His disciples jockeyed for greatness, Jesus was thinking and dealing in reality!

Out of all the thinking that night, it was what He did that was so wonderful. He stood up, laid aside His garments, took a towel, girded Himself and stooped down washing the disciple's feet. The shock that must have come over them! Their Lord and Savior was showing the heart of a servant. While they wanted greatness, He wanted servants.

Jesus was thinking and showing what God is and desires. He was showing how one is to be in this temporary place, looking to eternity. Jesus was not doing "good deeds" just to do good deeds. He was revealing the heart of the eternal God. He had a servant's heart! Serving is an eternal trait of our heavenly Father. Self serving is a trait of sinful man!

People want others to serve them. People struggle and fight for power. People want recognition of their work and hours they labored on projects or gain a status in this life. I was told one time by a lady in Christ that she had her degree and would not stoop to anything below that! All in the name of temporal recognition. Here is the powerful God, creator of everyone and everything. He calmed seas, fed multitudes, raised the dead, healed many of diseases and had more credentials than anyone that ever existed. What did He do? Showed His heart, His eternal character by serving others. We look at us, the church, His body and what do we see? What heart do we really have? Maybe we need to take a closer look at our Lord and Savior and see if we possess His heart (Philippians 2:5-8). Think about it!!!

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