



SOLD-OUT SERVANTS

"Serving Without Pride"

ROMANS 12:3-5

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3 For by the grace given to me I say to everyone among you not to think of himself more highly than he ought to think, but to think with sober judgment, each according to the measure of faith that God has assigned.

4 For as in one body we have many members, and the members do not all have the same function, 5 so we, though many, are one body in Christ, and individually members one of another. (ESV)

1. Fight _____ (v.3a)

2. Measure _____ (v.3b)

3. Appreciate _____ (vv.4-5)

Application Questions

These questions are provided for your further study and application of today's sermon. Thoughtfully writing out the answers to these questions will help to drive home the point of today's study. It is also helpful when you are able to discuss your answers with others.

1. What are some of the subtle temptations we face when we find ourselves being used in a meaningful or important way for God's glory as sold-out servants for Christ?
2. Read **1 Samuel 2:2-8**. Why is pride such a foolish attribute according to Hannah's prayer?
3. Read **1 Corinthians 4:7**. Why is it sometimes hard to see and apply the logic of this verse as it relates to victories and accomplishments of the Christian life?
4. Read **Romans 3:21-28**. How should the truth of this passage curtail our tendencies to make prideful differentiations among us?
5. Read **1 Corinthians 16:15-18**. Following the Apostle Paul's example, who are a few of the "unsung sold-out servants" you will recognize and honor for their faithful service? How will you honor them?

The CBC Bible Reading Schedule for this Week:

Go to ESV.org (*Reading Plans: Through the Bible*) for schedule prompts.

January 23rd

Ex. 4-6 & Mt. 16

January 24th

Ex. 7-8 & Mt. 17

January 25th

Ex. 9-10 & Mt. 18:1-20

January 26th

Ex. 11-12 & Mt. 18:21-35

January 27th

Ex. 13-15 & Mt. 19:1-15

January 28th

Ex. 16-18 & Mt. 19:16-30

January 29th

Ex. 19-21 & Mt. 20:1-16

January 30th

Ex. 22-24 & Mt. 20:17-34

For sermons on MP3 go to FPR.info. The following are other available sermons related to today's subject matter.

CD # 0910 – **Highly Committed Participants: Serving God with Excellence**

CD # 0909 – **Reading Scripture in Light of Your Redemption**

CD # 0820 – **Gospel Crazy: Willing to Serve Its Participants**

CD # 0403—0406 – **Plugged In** (a four-part series on finding your role in serving Christ)

CD # 0104—0107 – **Expanding Your Ministry** (a four-part on being effective in ministry)

Here are some books which may assist you in a deeper study of the truths presented in today's sermon. While Pastor Mike cannot endorse every concept presented in each book, he does believe these resources will be helpful in profitably thinking through today's topic.

Adams, Jay. **The Biblical View of Self-Esteem, Self-Love & Self-Image**. Harvest House, 1986.

Carson, D. A. **A Call to Spiritual Reformation: Priorities from Paul and His Prayers**. Baker Books, 1992.

Dallimore, Arnold. **George Whitefield (abridged): God's Servant in the Revivals of the 18th Century**. Crossway, 1990.

Guinness, Os. **The Call: Finding and Fulfilling The Central Purpose of Your Life**. Word Publishing, 1998.

Lewis, C.S. **The Screwtape Letters**. Barbour Publishing, 1990.

MacArthur, John. **Twelve Ordinary Men: How the Master Shaped His Disciples for Greatness**. Thomas Nelson, 2002.

Mack, Wayne A. **Humility: The Forgotten Virtue**. P & R Publishing, 2005.

Mahaney, C. J. **Humility: True Greatness**. Multnomah Press, 2005.

Murray, Andrew. **Humility: The Journey Toward Holiness**. Bethany House, 2001.

Sanders, Oswald. **Spiritual Leadership**. Moody Press, 1980.

Schaeffer, Francis. **The Church at the End of the Twentieth Century**. Crossway Books, 1994.

Scott, Stuart. **From Pride to Humility: A Biblical Perspective**. Focus Publishers, 2003.

Swindoll, Charles. **Improving Your Serve: The Art of Unselfish Living**. Reprint. Word, 2002.

Whitney, Donald. **Spiritual Disciplines Within the Church: Participating Fully in the Body of Christ**. Moody, 1996.