

Matthew 24:46 It will be good for that servant whose master finds him doing so when he returns.

We are called to be servants, are we not? What does a servant do? A servant doesn't tell his master what to do -- he performs whatever tasks the master requests of him. A servant doesn't choose what days or times it's most convenient to serve his master. A servant's function is simply to follow and obey his master's instructions. A servant does not develop a vision for the master either. The master is the one with the vision -- and he wants his servants to be ready and available to carry out that vision and bring it to fruition.

How can we experience fulfillment in our lives? Simply by serving our Master -- our Heavenly Father. The world encourages us to seek counterfeit fulfillment -- power success -- prosperity. The more of these things we gain, the more our flesh wants more. It is our sinful human nature, and one will never find true fulfillment when they seek these things. How has the world's thinking about significance and success crept into your attitude at work, at home, and in your relationships? What struggles have you had recently with "it's all about me" issues?

Read Philippians 2:1-11 . How was the humility of Christ demonstrated? what was the result? What difference would having this attitude of Christ make in your life?

We must become servants if we want to experience true fulfillment. Unfortunately, thinking like a servant doesn't automatically make you one, but it goes a long way toward getting you there. If you are thinking like a servant, you are noticing others; and the more you are aware of others, the more the Holy Spirit can use you in reaching out to them. How can you know if you have a heart of a servant? Will your efforts to serve stop if no one says thanks or reciprocates?

As God's servants we should have no other agenda, except to do His will. When we become faithful to do His will, then He will fulfill the aspirations He desires for us in our lives... and even those things we desire! As God's faithful servant -- we share in His success, we have direct access to His power and wealth and are able to walk in His authority! Let's get our hearts in servant mode and watch how God brings about all the things we need and want.

What are some practical ways that you could serve your spouse? Your children? Your co-workers? Your friends at church? The helpless and needy? Take time this week to reflect on how you can become a servant of our Lord and Savior.

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Service
Philippians 2:5-11

1. Being a servant means giving up **my rights for others**.
2. Being a servant means becoming less so **others can be more**.
3. Being a servant means being **obedient** whatever the cost.
4. Servanthood will be **rewarded**.
5. Being a servant is more about **being** than it is about **doing**.

Personal notes:
