

SERMON NOTES

Everyone Look Busy (John 13:1-17)
Entrusted sermon series
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BIG IDEA: God doesn't expect us to be busy believers but He does look for selfless servants, willing to offer our time however He asks.

In John 13, the story of Jesus reminds us, if we follow Him, to let thoughts of self-importance go and consider ourselves nothing more than servants, used by our Master. We are nothing more than stewards of the time, talents, and treasures He gives us on this earth and entrusts us to manage. We are not to consider any of these things ours because they are all His.

The Example Jesus Sets For Us

1.A servant's time is subject to the will of his Master. (Matthew 6:33) There is a depth to life that doesn't get experienced when we allow ourselves to be so busy that we cannot see or value doing something about the needs God puts before us.

2.A servant serves humbly, driven by love rather than self interests. (Ephesians 5:15-17; Philippians 2:5-8) Servanthood is about being selfless.

MY NEXT STEP: *In what ways is it hard for you to manage the time God has entrusted to you? How does He want you to use it, and how will it stretch you?*

PRAYERS FOR MY TIME WITH GOD: Government Leaders

Pray for leaders in all levels of our government. May they receive the wisdom of God, act in obedience to that wisdom, and may the power of God flow in their lives. Amen.

QUESTIONS FOR MY TIME WITH GOD:

1. Reread John 13:1-17, picturing as vividly as you can what it might have been like in that moment, as if you were there yourself. What do you think the disciples were feeling? How do you think Jesus was feeling that day? Why do you think Jesus' responses were what they were? Would it be harder for you, if you were in Jesus' shoes, to give up your time if it were that limited, or to humble yourself in this way? Why?
2. Reread 2 Timothy 1:14. What "good deposits" have God entrusted to you to manage, when it comes to your time? Your talents? Your treasures? How can you better guard them? Use them?
3. How do you find that time becomes the most challenging for you to manage? As you reflect on how Jesus invested His time, how does that inform your personal priorities? Do you need to make any minor or major life adjustments in the near future to alleviate some of your time pressures and free yourself to be used by God?
4. In the message this week, Pastor Dave asked us to consider some of our "Big 3"s in life. What are the 3 biggest ways you sense God has asked or is asking you to invest your time to make a kingdom difference in the immediate future? What are your 3 most significant talents? What are the 3 biggest places where you are investing the financial resources God has given you to make a kingdom difference? What 3 relationships has God entrusted to you right now to influence, and help them see Jesus?
5. Read Philippians 2:5-8 and see how Jesus humbled Himself for us. In the message this week, Pastor Dave gave the modern "foot washing" example of a lady in India who scrubbed and cleaned dirty squat toilets for the people who actually had come to serve her and her community. What's the most selfless thing you have ever done? Why (what was your motivation)? How did God use it?
6. Next week in our series *Entrusted*, we will discuss the gifts and talents God has entrusted to us and use them to honor and glorify God. Feel free to read ahead in 2 Timothy 2:2. How does this verse of Scripture speak to you? Are you using the talents and resources wisely? Share your thoughts and experiences with Pastor Dave in the comments of the "Hello" card at www.myGrace.church!