



## The Qualities of a Servant

Romans 12:9-16

In our look at various servants of the Bible, our study has taken us to Jesus, the servant girl in the story of Naaman, Simon of Cyrene, Joseph of Armatheia, Jethro, David's mighty men, Mary, and David. All of these powerful examples lived in different times and in different settings. But one common thread connecting all of them together is that they had a heart of service. In this lesson we will look at the characteristics or qualities of a servant.

### A. The N.T. seems to drive at an important balance within the church

1. To be \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ faithful to God's word  
2 Tim 4:2-5; Titus 1:10-11; Jude 3; Rev 2:15-16

2. To be a fellowship of \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_

James 2:15-16; 1 Jn 3:17; Gal 5:15; Eph 4:32



Much too often a church leans one way or the other. What happens then?

Is one way better than the other?

### B. The Qualities of a Servant: Every Person \_\_\_\_\_

#### Romans 12:9-16

<sup>9</sup> Let love be without hypocrisy. Abhor what is evil; cling to what is good. <sup>10</sup> Be devoted to one another in brotherly love; give preference to one another in honor; <sup>11</sup> not lagging behind in diligence, fervent in spirit, serving the Lord; <sup>12</sup> rejoicing in hope, persevering in tribulation, devoted to prayer, <sup>13</sup> contributing to the needs of the saints, practicing hospitality. <sup>14</sup> Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse. <sup>15</sup> Rejoice with those who rejoice, and weep with those who weep. <sup>16</sup> Be of the same mind toward one another; do not be haughty in mind, but associate with the lowly. Do not be wise in your own estimation.

1. What does hypocritical love look like (9)?
2. Several statements reflect the proper attitude God wants us to have towards others. What do you see?
3. What action words do you find about serving?
4. What strong connections to the Divine do you find?
5. Sprinkled throughout these words are warnings, "Do not's". What warnings are listed here?

We live in a very selfish culture. How do we develop the heart of a servant?

What incentive is there for a person to be a servant? Why? What do I get out of this?