

Today's Theme
“Best Christmas Gift Ever”

December 19, 2021

Statements To Consider:

**Everybody *wants* what C.S. Lewis called
Settled Happiness**

**Joy & SH is not in our *power*!
Pleasure is!
(There-in lies the *problem*)**

**W/O Jesus & being a *servant* in life:
We will not *possess* Joy & SH!**

What Being A *Servant* Looks Like

1. It demands *humility* from us.

Luke 14:8 “When someone invites you to a wedding feast, do not take the place of honor, for a person more distinguished than you may have been invited. 9 If so, the host who invited both of you will come and say to you, ‘Give this person your seat.’ Then, humiliated, you will have to take the least important place. 10 But when you are invited, take the lowest place, so that when your host comes, he will say to you, ‘Friend, move up to a better place.’ Then you will be honored in the presence of all the other guests. 11 For all those who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted.”

2. It involves *honoring* others.

Rom 12:10 Honor one another above yourselves
Prov 27:2 Let someone else praise you, and not your own mouth; an outsider, and not your own lips.
Proverbs 25:6 Do not exalt yourself in the king’s presence, and do not claim a place among his great men;

3. It’s a *choice* only we can *make*.

Matt 20:25 Jesus called them together and said, “You know that the rulers of the Gentiles lord it over them, and their high officials exercise authority over them. 26 Not so with you. Instead, whoever wants to become great among you must be your servant, 27 and whoever wants to be first must be your slave— 28 just as the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many.”

**What Being A *Servant* Brings & Gives.
In a practical way:**

1. We live with *purpose* in life.

Ephesians 6:7 Serve wholeheartedly, as if you were serving the Lord, not people,

2. We fulfill living “A Life of *Love*”.

Rom 13:8 Let no debt remain outstanding, except the continuing debt to love one another, for whoever loves others has fulfilled the law.

Gal 5:14 For the entire law is fulfilled in keeping this one command: “Love your neighbor as yourself.”

3. We live *knowing* Jesus is *honored*.

Matt 20:28 just as the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve . . .