

Give Me the Heart of a Servant
Luke 17:7-10

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1. We live in a “me-first” culture that encourages us to think of ourselves first. Because we’re saturated with messages about self, it’s easy to bring this mentality to church.
 2. Since we are followers of a Savior who serves us, we need some help learning how to live beyond self so that we can stop defaulting to our selfish settings.
 3. Do you see yourself as a servant or just a volunteer? There’s a world of difference between the two words.
 4. One day Jesus revealed the importance of serving through a story He told as recorded in **Luke 17:7-10**. I see four servant-hood secrets from this passage.
- I. A Servant’s Work Is Not Always Attractive. (Luke 17:7a)**
- A. This particular farmer probably only had one servant.
 - B. Sometimes serving is not very sensational.
 1. **2 Timothy 3:12**
- II. A Servant’s Work Never Ends. (Luke 17:7b-8)**
- A. After working all day, the servant comes back to the Master’s house.
 - B. I suspect that some of us feel like we’ve already put our time in.
 1. **1 Corinthians 15:58; Revelation 22:12**
- III. A Servant Does Not Expect Recognition. (Luke 17:9)**
- A. After going all out, the servant is no doubt tired.
 1. **1 Corinthians 6:19-20**
 - B. It’s never wrong to show appreciation.
 1. **Hebrews 3:13**
- IV. A Servant Does What Is Expected. Luke 17:10, “So you also, when you have done everything you were told to do, should say, ‘We are unworthy servants; we have only done our duty.’”**
- A. Jesus concludes this story with a word of correction.
 - B. God hasn’t called us to be sensational; He’s called us to be servants.
 1. **Matthew 16:25**