NEW TESTAMENT CHALLENGE

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The Challenge of Servanthood

For even the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve others and to give his life as a ransom for many. Mark 10:45

You must have the same attitude that Christ Jesus had. Though he was God, he did not think of equality with God as something to cling to. Instead, he gave up his divine privileges; he took the humble position of a slave and was born as a human being. When he appeared in human form, he humbled himself in obedience to God and died a criminal's death on a cross. Therefore, God elevated him to the place of highest honor and gave him the name above all other names, that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.
Philippians 2:5-11

To Be a Servant, I:

I) _____ God first in my life.
   A) "No one can serve two masters. For you will hate one and love the other; you will be devoted to one and despise the other…" Luke 16:13a
   B) "Father, if you are willing, please take this cup of suffering away from me. Yet I want your will to be done, not mine." Luke 22:42
   C) Seek the Kingdom of God above all else, and live righteously, and he will give you everything you need. Matthew 6:33

II) _____ my attitude.
   A) You must have the same attitude that Christ Jesus had. Though he was God, he did not think of equality with God as something to cling to. Instead, he gave up his divine privileges; he took the humble position of a slave and was born as a human being. When he appeared in human form, he humbled himself in obedience to God and died a criminal's death on a cross. Philippians 2:5-8

B) The three great enemies of serving:

1) _____.

2) _____.

3) _____.

C) But the Holy Spirit produces this kind of fruit in our lives: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. There is no law against these things! Galatians 5:22-23

III) _____ daily seeds of love and kindness.

A) You know the generous grace of our Lord Jesus Christ. Though he was rich, yet for your sakes he became poor, so that by his poverty he could make you rich. 2 Corinthians 8:9

B) Remember this - a farmer who plants only a few seeds will get a small crop. But the one who plants generously will get a generous crop. 2 Corinthians 9:6

IV) _____ a lifetime of servanthood.

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B) If you try to hang on to your life, you will lose it. But if you give up your life for my sake and for the sake of the Good News, you will save it. Mark 8:35

Jesus called out to them, “Come, follow me, and I will show you how to fish for people!”

Matthew 4:19

My Next Step Is:

- I’m making a decision for Christ and accepting the free gift of Salvation!
- I’m recommitting my life to Christ.
- I will memorize Mark 10:45.
- This week I will focus on this area of servanthood: _____.