

Dead Last

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Join us tomorrow on Zoom for Sermon Essentials to dive deeper into today’s message. You can use the link <https://zoom.us/j/285038684> or call 312.626.6799 and enter the ID 285 038 684 to be part of the discussion.

Text: John 13:16, 17 “Most assuredly, I say to you, a servant is not greater than his master; nor is he who is sent greater than he who sent him. ¹⁷ If you know these things, blessed are you if you do them.”

A President’s Greatness

1. What is the most impressive thing you learned about servant leadership from the story of Frances Green.
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The Servant of Servants

Reference verses: John 13:12-17

2. Why is the person who knows about servant leadership blessed in following Jesus’ example?
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“The most childlike disciple is the most efficient in labor for God. The heavenly intelligences can co-operate with him who is seeking, not to exalt self, but to save souls. From communion with Christ he will go forth to work for those who are perishing in their sins. He is anointed for his mission; and he succeeds where many of the learned and intellectually wise would fail.” – Ellen White, *Desire of Ages*, 436

Reference verses: John 13:3-10

3. What are some of the reasons Jesus ended up washing the disciples’ feet?
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“By taking part in the ordinance of feet washing we show that we are willing to perform this act of humility. We are doing the very thing Christ did, but this is not to be talked of as an act of humiliation. It is an act which symbolizes the condition of the mind and heart.” – Ellen White, *Letter 210*, 1899

4. How does this help explain Peter’s reluctance to allow Jesus to wash his feet?
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Who Is the Greatest?

Reference verses: Mark 9:33-35; Luke 22:24-30

5. Why does power hold such an attraction for people?
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Reference verses: Matthew 20:20-28; Mark 10:35-45

6. How is the approach of James and John’s mother to Jesus so typical of those seeking power today?
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7. Do you think the disciples were upset that James and John had asked for positions of power, or were they more upset that they hadn’t acted first?
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8. What do many people who seek power not realize about the cost of power?

“Those who possess the spirit of Christ will have no ambition to occupy a position above their brethren. It is those who are small in their own eyes who will be accounted great in the sight of God.” – Ellen White, *Review and Herald*, February 15, 1881

9. What does the foot washing service reveal about ourselves, and because it is a public ordinance of the church, what does our participation or lack of participation possibly reveal?
