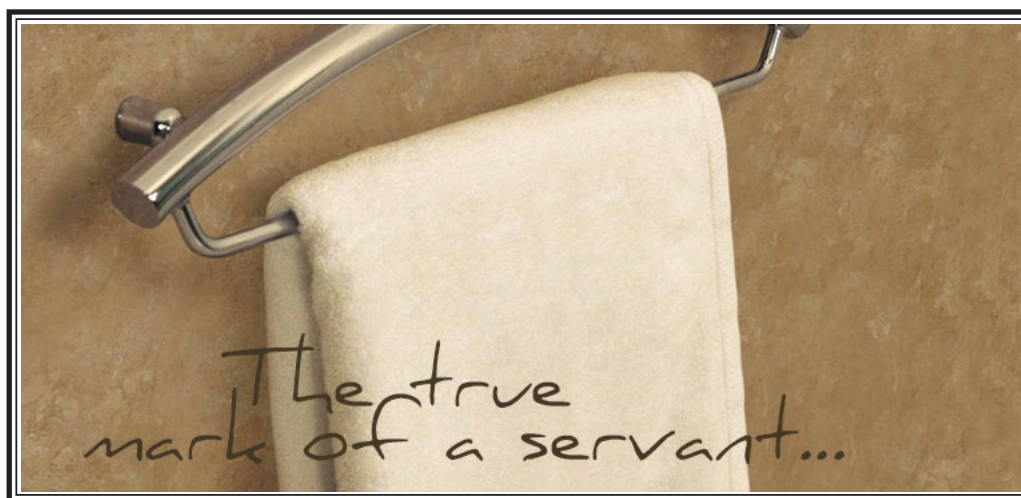


AMEN

ACCOUNTABILITY FOR MEN

“A-MEN”: MEN LIVING IN ACCOUNTABILITY!



Towel Time

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Accountable for time in God’s Word!

Read: Job 1:1-22 and write out an Attitude to Change, a Command to Obey, a Truth to Believe, or a Sin to Confess.

Accountable for Learning Together!

Weekly Lesson: “Towel Time”

I had a professor in seminary that used to say, *“The true mark of a servant is not the cross, but the towel”*. The reason he said that was to emphasize the passage in John 13 where Jesus washed the feet of His disciples. Jesus served mankind through His death on the cross but He also served His disciples by washing their feet. In John 13:5 the scriptures say, *“After that, he poured water into a basin and began to wash his disciples’ feet, drying them with the towel that was wrapped around him.”*

Can you picture Jesus washing the feet of His disciples? It’s hard to visualize a man washing the feet of other men. Serving others is not our nature. We tend to resist humbling ourselves and serving others. Most men would much rather have servants than become a servant!

Men that are becoming more like Jesus understand the importance of towel time. They understand that serving others makes us more like Christ. In Philippians 2:7 Paul says that Jesus, *“made himself nothing, taking the very nature of a servant.”* Perhaps that is our problem. Most men want to be somebody. Becoming nothing is very counter to our culture.

So, how is your level of serving these days? Do you look for needs in your home? Do you serve those closest to you? How about those you work with or people you encounter in public? Do you serve people randomly when the opportunity arises? What about your church? Are you serving in a ministry role? Are you using your spiritual gift to build up the body of Christ?

There is absolutely no question that God expects you to be a servant because He expects you to become more like Jesus. Mark 10:45 says, *“For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many.”*

It may time to take up your towel? It may time to start focusing on meeting the needs of others rather than only on your own needs?

Questions for Reflection and Discussion:

- 1) What keeps most men from taking up the towel?
- 2) Why is it so important for men to develop the characteristic of servant hood?
- 3) Are you using your spiritual gift to build up the Body of Christ?

Accountable to Each Other

Take a few minutes and share an area where you need to be held accountable in the coming week.?