

Podcast Episode Notes
Season 4 Episode 5 Surrendering Your Right to Be Right

We Americans love our rights. Our country was built on them. We love to proclaim them, any time we feel someone has infringed on them. But God calls us to servanthood and that means surrendering a lot of things we think we have a right to. Are you willing to lay down your rights to better serve God and others and be available to Him for His purposes?

Scripture References

Servanthood defined: A servant relinquishes his rights so that he may better serve God and others. The heart of a servant desires to be available to God for His purposes, which includes serving others. A servant's attitude is one of open and upward palms, willing to allow the Lord to take from him, as well as to give to him.

Philippians 2:5-7: "In your relationships with one another, have the same mindset as Christ Jesus: Who, being in very nature God, did not consider equality with God something to be used to his own advantage; rather, he made himself nothing by taking the very nature of a servant, being made in human likeness."

Related to relationships

- Servants surrender their rights to their family
- Servants surrender their rights to marriage
- Servants surrender their rights to singleness when they marry.
- Servants surrender their rights to their friends

Related to the physical:

- Servants surrender their rights to finances and possessions
- Servants surrender their rights to time
- Servants surrender their rights to shelter, sleep and comfort

Related to how we are perceived

- Servants surrender their rights to popularity and reputation
- position, rank or place of importance
- Servants surrender their rights to gifts and ministry
- Servants surrender their rights to nationality or denomination

Relations to the intangible

- Servants surrender their rights to freedom
- Servants surrender their rights to time
- Servants surrender their rights to gifts and ministry
- Servants surrender their rights to opinions and the right to be right
- Servants surrender their rights to rights to their future

Exception:

Does not mean that one does not take responsibility for the people and things in their lives

What if we don't relinquish these rights?

1. Can subtly drive our lives even to the point of mastering us - 1 Corinthians 6:12: "I have right to do anything you say – but not everything is beneficial. I have the right to do anything but I will not be mastered by anything."
2. Reactions of anger, self-pity or attempts to control

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