



# SERVANTS OF THE KING

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## **Introduction**

- **Does anyone aspire to be a servant?**
- **No, because no one wants to be the lesser.**

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- **In the past, devoted servants are willing to give their lives to serve their king.**
- **It is difficult to sacrifice for anything because we are seated on the throne of our own lives.**



## **Introduction**

- **As Christians, we have the opportunity to serve the greatest, the King of kings.**

## **Road Map**

- 1. Cultivating the Servant's Heart**
- 2. Be Careful of the Servant's Pitfall**

# **1. Cultivating the Servant's Heart**

## **a. Having Our Heart in the Right Place**

### b. Having a Heart of Gratitude



## **1a. Having Our Heart in the Right Place**

**The essence is captured in the Great Commandment.**

**Matthew 22:39**

**‘Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.’ This is the first and greatest commandment. And the second is like it: ‘Love your neighbour as yourself.’**



## **1a. Having Our Heart in the Right Place**

**To love God – that is where our heart should be.**

**If we have a heart that loves God, there is a chance we will also love people.**





## **1a. Having Our Heart in the Right Place**

**Service is one of the greatest manifestations of love.**

**That was why Jesus was always serving the people.**

**Matthew 20:28**

**“ ... the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve ...”**



## 1a. Having Our Heart in the Right Place

The natural order is for the lesser to serve the greater but in the case of Jesus, **the greatest came to serve us.**





## **1a. Having Our Heart in the Right Place**

**We must live with our heart in the right place so that we can serve God and serve men.**







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# **1. Cultivating the Servant's Heart**

**a. Having Our Heart in the Right Place**

**b. Having A Heart of Gratitude**





## **1b. Having A Heart of Gratitude**

**What is gratitude?**

**It is defined as:**

- **the quality of being thankful**
- **the readiness to show appreciation for**
- **to return kindness extended.**



## **1b. Having A Heart of Gratitude**

**Gratitude is not just a feeling, it is an active word.**

**Out of that heart of gratitude, a desire should arise within us to want to give back.**





## **1b. Having A Heart of Gratitude**

### **Parable of the Unmerciful Servant**

**The wicked servant was so unloving,  
unkind and unmerciful was because there  
was no genuine gratitude in his heart.**





## **1b. Having A Heart of Gratitude**

**With true gratitude in our heart, three powerful things will happen that will enable us to serve:**

- It takes our eyes off ourselves.**
- It leaves no room for complaining.**
- It reminds us that God is in control.**



## **1b. Having A Heart of Gratitude**

**All of us can grow in gratitude and grow  
in service of our King.**





## **2. Be Careful of a Servant's Pitfall**

**Thank God for an amazing team of  
volunteers, pastors, staff and leaders.**

**They have been working tirelessly  
even before the circuit breaker started.**





## **2. Be Careful of a Servant's Pitfall**

**Thank you mothers for your labour of love.**

**Let us take some time to pray for all  
who have been serving us over the  
last few months.**



## **2. Be Careful of a Servant's Pitfall**

**Discouragement is a dangerous pitfall because the servant may be tempted to give up if it is not dealt with over time.**

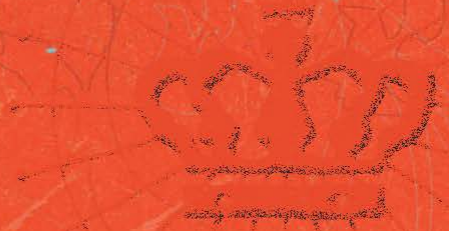




## **2. Be Careful of a Servant's Pitfall**

**Elijah was a mighty servant of God  
and even a man like him can get  
discouraged.**

**After he had won a great victory on  
Mount Carmel, he was tired and discouraged.**



## **2. Be Careful of a Servant's Pitfall**

**1 Kings 19:4**

**He (Elijah) came to a broom bush, sat down under it and prayed that he might die . “I have had enough, Lord,” he said. “Take my life; I am no better than my ancestors.”**





## **2. Be Careful of a Servant's Pitfall**

**1 Kings 19:10**

**He replied (to God), "I have been very zealous for the Lord God Almighty. The Israelites have rejected your covenant, torn down your altars, and put your prophets to death with the sword. I am the only one left, and now they are trying to kill me too."**



## **2. Be Careful of a Servant's Pitfall**

**Elijah was saying to God “I have tried my best and have given my all but the people are unappreciative.**

**They have rejected your ways and they have rejected me.  
Enough is enough. It is not worth it.”**





## **2. Be Careful of a Servant's Pitfall**

**Did Elijah have valid reasons to be discouraged?**

**People who are discouraged are usually facing very real issues and the negative feelings can be so overwhelming.**



## **2. Be Careful of a Servant's Pitfall**

**Like Elijah, some of you may be feeling rejected, disappointed, not needed and all alone.**

**And when a servant feels like that, you may feel that it is time to give up.**

**We need to receive renewal from the Lord and help from God to refocus.**





## **2. Be Careful of a Servant's Pitfall**

**When a person is exhausted, he is prone to be discouraged.**

**He needs proper rest and physical care.**



## **2. Be Careful of a Servant's Pitfall**

**When exhausted, seek proper rest.**

**Do not seek entertainment or recreation.**

**Just like Elijah, people too find a cave  
they can hide in the cave of Netflix,  
You-tube, TV or on-line gaming.**





## **2. Be Careful of a Servant's Pitfall**

**Physical renewal is not enough, Elijah received spiritual renewal as well.**

### **1 Kings 19:8**

**So he got up and ate and drank.**

**Strengthened by that food, he travelled forty days and forty nights until he reached Horeb, the mountain of God.**



## **2. Be Careful of a Servant's Pitfall**

**Elijah travelled 40 days and nights to the mountain of God and we must do likewise to encounter God and receive a spiritual renewal.**





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**God is not found in dramatic manifestations most of the time.**

**Some of the most meaningful spiritual encounters are found through the Lord's gentle whisper.**



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**In hearing God's gentle whisper,  
perspective can change and you can  
then refocus.**

**“Be still and know that He is God.”**





# Conclusion

