

An Example to Follow
John 13:12-17

Main Point:

Humbly serve others with understanding as Jesus has served you.

1. In His humble service, Jesus has given you an example to follow.

2. To follow this example, you need to understand what He has done for you.

3. To follow this example, you need to understand who you really are in Him.

4. To follow this example, you need to understand what He requires of you.

5. To follow this example, you need to understand the blessing that He promises.

R.C. Sproul “The true follower of Christ does not grab for glory; he humbles himself as a servant.”

1 Peter 5:5 5 ... Be clothed with humility, for “God resists the proud, But gives grace to the humble.” (NKJV)

Romans 12:2 2 And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, that you may prove what *is* that good and acceptable and perfect will of God. (NKJV)

J.C. Ryle “If the only-begotten Son of God, the King of kings, did not think it beneath him to do the humblest work of a servant, there is nothing which his disciples should think themselves too great or too good to do.”

R. Kent Hughes “The power, the impetus, and the grace to wash one another’s feet is proportionate not only to how we see Jesus but to how we see ourselves.”

Richard Phillips “It will be when the world sees us ministering with humble, tender love to the stinky feet of each other’s lives - the places where there is pain, ugliness, failure, and need - that it will realize that the Spirit of God is in our midst.”

Sinclair Ferguson “There are no exceptions to the feet we are called to wash. Every natural instinct that cries out ‘but not his’ or ‘not hers’ is suffocated by Christ’s love for us and in us and by our desire to imitate Him.”

John 15:10-11 10 If you keep My commandments, you will abide in My love, just as I have kept My Father’s commandments and abide in His love. 11 “These things I have spoken to you, that My joy may remain in you, and *that* your joy may be full. (NKJV)

Sinclair Ferguson “As our Savior, He brings us the blessings of salvation. As our Example, He shows us the way to the blessings of a transformed life.”