

GETTING TO HAPPINESS BY SERVING DIRTY FEET

Sermon Outline, John 13:1-20

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How Do We Achieve Happiness With Spiritually Dirty Feet?

1. You have to refuse any desire for _____.

- + Matthew 20:20-21, "Then the mother of the sons of Zebedee came to Jesus with her sons, bowing down and making a request of Him. ²¹And He said to her, 'What do you wish?' She said to Him, 'Command that in Your kingdom these two sons of mine may sit one on Your right and one on Your left'" (NASB).

2. To have to refuse any desire for _____.

- + Matthew 20:24, "And hearing this, the ten became indignant with the two brothers" (NASB).
- + Matthew 20:17-19, "As Jesus was about to go up to Jerusalem, He took the twelve disciples aside by themselves, and on the way He said to them, ¹⁸ 'Behold, we are going up to Jerusalem; and the Son of Man will be delivered to the chief priests and scribes, and they will condemn Him to death, ¹⁹and will hand Him over to the Gentiles to mock and scourge and crucify Him, and on the third day He will be raised up'" (NASB).
- + Read Mark 10:32-34.
 - The disciples are more concerned about positions of prestige and pre-eminence than the life of Jesus. All they can see is what they _____; not _____ is in need.
- + Matthew 19:14, "Let the little children come to me and do not hinder them, for to such belongs the kingdom of heaven" (ESV).
- + Matthew 25:41-46, "Then He will also say to those on His left, 'Depart from Me, accursed ones, into the eternal fire which has been prepared for the devil and his angels; ⁴²for I was hungry, and you gave Me nothing to eat; I was thirsty, and you gave Me nothing to drink; ⁴³I was a stranger, and you did not invite Me in; naked, and you did not clothe Me; sick, and in prison, and you did not visit Me.' ⁴⁴Then they themselves also will answer, 'Lord, when did we see You hungry, or thirsty, or a stranger, or naked, or sick, or in prison, and did not take care of You?' ⁴⁵Then He will answer them, 'Truly I say to you, to the extent that you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to Me.' ⁴⁶These will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life" (NASB).
 - You can be so about your position and power due to your desire for some prestige and pre-eminence that you _____ to you to meet a need right in the front of your eyes.
- + Mark 10:45, "The Son of Man came not to be served but to serve others and to give his life as a ransom for many" (NASB).
- + Philippians 2:6-8, "Though He was God, He did not think of equality with God as something to cling to. ⁷Instead, He gave up His divine privileges; He took the humble position of a slave and was born as a human being. When he appeared in human form, ⁸He humbled Himself in obedience to God and died a criminal's death on a cross" (NLT).
- + John 13:1-2, "Now before the Feast of the Passover, Jesus knowing that His hour had come that He would depart out of this world to the Father, having loved His own who were in the world, He loved them to the end. ²During supper, the devil having already put into the heart of Judas Iscariot, the son of Simon, to betray Him, (NASB).
- + John 13:18-21, "I do not speak of all of you. I know the ones I have chosen; but it is that the Scripture may be fulfilled, 'He who eats My bread has lifted up his heel against Me.' ¹⁹From now on I am telling you before it comes to pass, so that when it does occur, you may believe that I am He. ²⁰Truly, truly, I say to you, he who receives whomever I send receives Me; and he who receives Me receives Him who sent Me. ²¹When Jesus had said this, He became troubled in spirit, and testified and said, 'Truly, truly, I say to you, that one of you will betray Me'" (NASB).
- + John 13:3-4, "Jesus, knowing that the Father had given all things into His hands, and that He had come forth from God and was going back to God, ⁴got up from supper, and laid aside His garments; and taking a towel, He girded Himself" (NASB).
- + Matthew 23:11, "But the greatest among you shall be your servant" (NASB).

- + Luke 22:24, "Then they began to argue among themselves about who would be the greatest among them" (NLT).
- + John 13:3-5, "Jesus, knowing that the Father had given all things into His hands, and that He had come forth from God and was going back to God, ⁴got up from supper, and laid aside His garments; and taking a towel, He girded Himself. ⁵Then He *poured water into the basin, and began to wash the disciples' feet and to wipe them with the towel with which He was girded" (NASB).
- + John 13:12-15, "So when He had washed their feet, and taken His garments and reclined at the table again, He said to them, 'Do you know what I have done to you?' ¹³You call Me Teacher and Lord; and you are right, for so I am. ¹⁴If I then, the Lord and the Teacher, washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another's feet. ¹⁵For I gave you an example that you also should do as I did to you." (NASB).
- Some well-meaning Christians have suggested that Jesus was giving another command like baptism and The Lord's Supper, but He wasn't. This was not some kind of _____ order, but an _____. This wasn't a _____, it was a _____.
 - There are only _____ times in the New Testament where the Bible clearly states we are to follow Jesus Christ's example. Here in John 13:15 and . . .
- + 1 Peter 2:21, For you have been called for this purpose, since Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example for you to follow in His steps" (NASB).
- While we don't pursue death by crucifixion, we do pursue obedience in _____.
 - While we may not wash dirty feet, we do pursue _____ through _____.
- + John 13:6-8a, So He came to Simon Peter. He said to Him, 'Lord, do You wash my feet?' ⁷Jesus answered and said to him, 'What I do you do not realize now, but you will understand hereafter.' ⁸Peter said to Him, 'Never shall You wash my feet'" (NASB).
- To be a _____, a person must first be a _____ to all.
- + John 13:8b, Jesus said to Peter, "If I do not wash you, you have no part with Me" (NASB).
- In Jesus' day, washing was also symbolic of spiritual _____ and _____ with God.
- + John 13:9-10, "Simon Peter said to Him, 'Lord, then wash not only my feet, but also my hands and my head'. ¹⁰Jesus said to him, 'He who has bathed needs only to wash his feet but is completely clean; and you are clean, but not all of you'" (NASB).
- One was a cleansing of _____; the other was a cleansing of _____.
 - Peter's refusal was a self-assertive pride that refused to accept _____ from another.
- + Titus 3:5, "He saved us, not on the basis of deeds which we have done in righteousness, but according to His mercy, by the washing of regeneration and renewing by the Holy Spirit" (NASB).
- Think of it this way: there is a bath of regeneration that solves your _____ problem for all eternity. And there is a bath of restoration that solves your _____ problem.
- + John 13:10-11, Jesus said this, ". . . and you (Peter) are clean, but not all of you. ¹¹For He knew the one who was betraying Him; for this reason He said, "Not all of you are clean" (NASB).
- Jesus' point to Peter is _____ must be preceded by _____.
- + John 13:12, 14, 17, "So when He had washed their feet, and taken His garments and reclined at the table again, He said to them, "Do you know what I have done to you? . . . ¹⁴If I then, the Lord and the Teacher, washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another's feet . . . ¹⁷ If you know these things, you are blessed if you do them" (NASB).
- The word "blessed in John 13:17 is the Greek New Testament word [μακάριος, makariois]. It is often translated as "blessed, happy, fulfilled." Jesus' point is happiness or the blessed life is not the result of _____, but _____.

How Do We Apply This?

1. Biblical principle #1 > Washing spiritually dirty feet means surrendering your _____ to receive a proper _____.
2. Biblical principle #2 > Washing spiritually dirty feet means surrendering your _____ to _____ whom you will serve, when you serve, and how you will serve.
 - Whose _____ do you need to _____ today spiritually for the Lord?