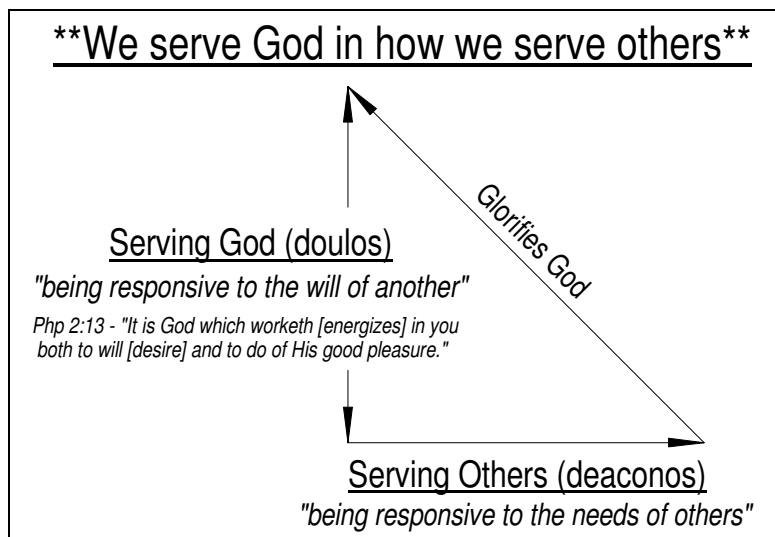


A Servant's Heart is Encouraged (Philippians 2:1-4)

Q: What interferes with fellowship within the church?

****Our faithfulness in private leads to fruitfulness in public.****

While Paul is in chains notice what his concern is—_____ others.



Matthew 16:24 Then said **Jesus** unto **His** disciples, "If any *man* will come after **Me**, let him **deny himself**, and take up his cross, and follow **Me**."

I. The _____ for Serving (v. 1)

A. The _____ Basis—"In Christ"

2 Corinthians 5:17 Therefore if any man *be* in **Christ**, *he is* a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new.

1. Should bring _____

Cf. John 14:18-19; John 14:27

2. Should be _____

Cf. John 15:9-13

B. The _____ Basis—"The Indwelling Spirit"

1. With the _____ of the _____

2. With the _____ of _____

Since these things are true about each child of God, there should be harmony amongst the brethren. There should be unity in which a joyous, loving spirit exists.

II. The _____ for Serving (v. 2-4)

A. The Key of _____ - _____ (v. 2)

Romans 12:16 *Be* of the same mind one toward another. Mind not high things, but condescend to men of low estate. Be not wise in your own conceits.

Cf. Romans 15:5; 1 Corinthians 1:10; 1 Peter 3:8-9

1. The same _____

2. The same _____

B. The Key of _____ - _____ (v. 3-4)

1. Put away the attitude of _____ (v. 3a)

Rivalries within any group can be dangerous, especially in a local church body. Pride is the root cause as it prompts people to push for their own way, for their own glory.

2. Put on the attitude of _____ (v. 3b-4)

Romans 12:10 *Be* kindly affectioned one to another with brotherly love; in honour preferring one another;

Cf. Ephesians 5:21; 1 Peter 5:5

Too often we are so self consumed that the needs of others are not even thought of.

"*esteem other*" – This is placing more value upon other's needs.

Questions to help prepare for next Sunday's message: (Php 2:1-4)

1. Read John 1:1-2; Colossians 1:15-20; and Hebrews 1:1-4. What do these passages reveal about the nature and character of Christ?
2. Read John 13:1-12. What did Christ do to vividly portray His servant's heart?