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Messages of the Master: Servanthood - "Cleaning Dirty Feet"

John 13:1-17

God is not looking for leaders to serve, but for servants to lead.

Servanthood:

- The power to deeply influence

Servant leader:

- Secure about past (delivered)
- Secure about present (dignity)
- Secure about future (destiny)

John 13:3

- Got up - v.4
- Took off - v.4
- Wrapped towel - v.4
- Poured water - v.5
- Washed - v.5
- Drying them - v.5

Six actions of a servant:

- Initiating "get up!"
- Removing the "outer"
- Associating with a "towel"
- Pouring – liquid love
- Connecting compassionately
- Completing the process

Servant leadership:

- Not controlled by a negative response or a zealous demand
- Peter Factor
- "Do nothing"
- "Do all"

Moved by the Voice of God, not the voice of need!

Laying down your life to clean up someone else's.

Communion:

The Suffering Servant laid down His life to clean up ours !

John 13:17

“Now that you know these things, you will be blessed if you do them.”