



The role of a Servant compared to that of a Friend

For years, many of us faithful to God have called ourselves “Christian Servants.” (This particular phrase sounds really good; however, what does it really indicate?)

Jesus says this in the book of John 15:12-17 **This is my commandment, That ye love one another, as I have loved you. Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends. Ye are my friends, if ye do whatsoever what I command you. Henceforth I call you not servants; for the servant knoweth not what his lord doeth: but **I have called you friends**; for all things that I have heard of my Father I have made known explained unto you. Ye have not chosen me, but I have chosen you, and ordained you, that ye should go and bring forth fruit, and that your fruit should remain: that whatsoever ye shall ask of the Father in my name, he may give it you. These things I command you, that ye love one another.**

A Servant is told what to do and a Friend will risk everything when there is danger. Here are your two choices: To become a “Christian Servant” or “Christian Friend.”

A Christian Servant has a relationship with God and all others as that of a Slave. They will work when they’re told to work and look for ways to stop or call it a day. And there is no reward incentive to go above and beyond their Master’s request. Then, there are some who will seek freedom even to the point of killing their Boss.

As to practicing your life by being a living testimony that of a “Christian Friend,” Jesus explains to us the essence of Love is to be willing to sacrifice or lay down your life for another person. *One who is a Friend doesn’t work for profit or glory.* The next time you see someone who is in need, help out and invite them to church.

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