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WEEKLY MINISTRY MEDITATIONS

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The Humble Servant

JOHN 13:3-7 NKJV – (3) Jesus, knowing that the Father had given all things into His hands, and that He had come from God and was going to God, (4) rose from supper and laid aside His garments, took a towel and girded Himself. (5) After that, He poured water into a basin and began to wash the disciples' feet, and to wipe *them* with the towel with which He was girded. (6) Then He came to Simon Peter. And *Peter* said to Him, "Lord, are you washing my feet?" (7) Jesus answered and said to him, "What I am doing you do not understand now, but you will know after this."

JOHN 13:12- 17 NKJV – (12) So when He had washed their feet, taken His garments, and sat down again, He said to them, "Do you know what I have done to you? (13) You call Me Teacher and Lord, and you say well, for *so* I am. (14) If I then, *your* Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another's feet. (15) For I have given you an example, that you should do as I have done to you. (16) Most assuredly, I say to you, a servant is not greater than his master; nor is he who is sent greater than he who sent him. (17) If you know these things, blessed are you if you do them.

Why would Christ do this? If the disciples' feet needed washing, they could have washed their own feet. A wise man will not do a thing that looks odd and unusual, but for very good causes and considerations. We are sure that it was not in a thriller that this was done; or, the transaction was very solemn, and carried on with a great deal of seriousness. Here are four reasons why I believe Christ did this: (1) That He might testify His love to His disciples. (2) That He might give an instance of His own voluntary humility. (3) That He might signify to them spiritual washing, which is referred to in His discourse with Peter. (4) That He might set them an example.

Let us keep this in mind also.....Jesus washed the feet of the one He knew would betray Him. How many of us are betraying Him on a daily basis? And He continues to serve us with love, compassion and humility. If Jesus can do it, there is no reason why we can't. Gird yourself up, get on your knees and ask Christ "How Can I Be A Servant To You?"

SCRIPTURE READING

Psalm 100:2

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

In order to be servants of others, master yourself.

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