



3 Keys To Being Able To Make A Difference For Christ

I. START _____.

The elders who are among you I exhort, I who am a fellow elder and a witness of the sufferings of Christ, and also a partaker of the glory that will be revealed:**2 Shepherd the flock of God which is among you, serving as overseers...** 1 Peter 5:1,2

...just as the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve,
Matthew 20:28

Jesus said, "To be the greatest, be a servant." Matthew 23:11

3 Attitudes That Free Us To Serve

1. Choose "get to" over "_____".

...not because you must, but because you are willing, as God wants you to be... 1 Peter 5:2

2. Choose Giving over _____.

... not greedy for money, but eager to serve; vs.2b

3. Choose Influence over _____.

...not lording it over those entrusted to you, but being examples to the flock. 1 Peter 5:3

They tie up heavy loads and put them on men's shoulders, but they themselves are not willing to lift a finger to move them. (Prestige not service) 5 "Everything they do is done for men to see.

Matthew 23:4,5

"The teachers of the law and the Pharisees sit in Moses' seat. 3 So you must obey them and do everything they tell you. But do not do what they do, for they do not practice what they preach. Vss. 2,3

II. STAY

...All of you, clothe yourselves with humility toward one another, because, "God opposes the proud but gives grace to the humble." 6 Humble yourselves, therefore, under God's mighty hand, that he may lift you up in due time.

1 Peter 5:5,6

...they love to be greeted in the marketplaces and to have men call them 'Rabbi.' 8 "But you are not to be called 'Rabbi,' for you have only one Master and you are all brothers. 9 And do not call anyone on earth 'father,' for you have one Father, and he is in heaven. 10 Nor are you to be called 'teacher,' for you have one Teacher, the Christ.

Matthew 23:7-10

¹¹ The greatest among you will be your servant. ¹² For whoever exalts himself will be humbled, and whoever humbles himself will be exalted.

Matthew 23:11,12

Pastor John MacArthur - "*You take care of the depth of your commitment to God, He'll take care of the breadth of your life*".

Philippians 2: "And Jesus humbled himself even further, going so far as actually to die a criminal's death on a cross."

III. Lastly Stop

Cast all your anxiety on him because he cares for you. 1 Peter 5:7

"Let Heaven fill you thoughts. Don't spend your time worrying about things down here."

Colossians 3:2

We did not follow cleverly invented stories when we told you about the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but we were eyewitnesses of his majesty.

2 Peter 2:16