

## A Servant's Heart -- As Taught by Jesus [2/8/12, DKeeler]

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### SECTION I

Jesus led by example and demonstrated a servant's heart -- the compassion and love for his fellow man -- at the foundation of his healing work.

### BIBLE

#### 1 | I John 3:11 this, 16-18

11 this is the message that ye heard from the beginning, that we should love one another.

16 Hereby perceive we the love of God, because he laid down his life for us: and we ought to lay down our lives for the brethren.

17 But whoso hath this world's good, and seeth his brother have need, and shutteth up his bowels of compassion from him, how dwelleth the love of God in him?

18 My little children, let us not love in word, neither in tongue; but in deed and in truth.

#### 2 | Mark 1:40-42 there

40 there came a leper to him, beseeching him, and kneeling down to him, and saying unto him, If thou wilt, thou canst make me clean.

41 And Jesus, moved with compassion, put forth his hand, and touched him, and saith unto him, I will; be thou clean.

42 And as soon as he had spoken, immediately the leprosy departed from him, and he was cleansed.

#### 3 | John 13:3-17

3 Jesus knowing that the Father had given all things into his hands, and that he was come from God, and went to God;

4 He riseth from supper, and laid aside his garments; and took a towel, and girded himself.

5 After that he poureth water into a basin, and began to wash the disciples' feet, and to wipe them with the towel wherewith he was girded.

6 Then cometh he to Simon Peter: and Peter saith unto him, Lord, dost thou wash my feet?

7 Jesus answered and said unto him, What I do thou knowest not now; but thou shalt know hereafter.

8 Peter saith unto him, Thou shalt never wash my feet. Jesus answered him, If I wash thee not, thou hast no part with me.

9 Simon Peter saith unto him, Lord, not my feet only, but also my hands and my head.

10 Jesus saith to him, He that is washed needeth not save to wash his feet, but is clean every whit: and ye are clean, but not all.

- 11 For he knew who should betray him; therefore said he, Ye are not all clean.
- 12 So after he had washed their feet, and had taken his garments, and was set down again, he said unto them, Know ye what I have done to you?
- 13 Ye call me Master and Lord: and ye say well; for so I am.
- 14 If I then, your Lord and Master, have washed your feet; ye also ought to wash one another's feet.
- 15 For I have given you an example, that ye should do as I have done to you.
- 16 Verily, verily, I say unto you, The servant is not greater than his lord; neither he that is sent greater than he that sent him.
- 17 If ye know these things, happy are ye if ye do them.

**4 | Matt. 20:25-28 Jesus**

- 25 Jesus called them unto him, and said, Ye know that the princes of the Gentiles exercise dominion over them, and they that are great exercise authority upon them.
- 26 But it shall not be so among you: but whosoever will be great among you, let him be your minister;
- 27 And whosoever will be chief among you, let him be your servant:
- 28 Even as the Son of man came not to be ministered unto, but to minister, and to give his life a ransom for many.

**5 | Matt. 23:1-3,5(to:),6-9,11-12**

- 1 Then spake Jesus to the multitude, and to his disciples,
- 2 Saying, The scribes and the Pharisees sit in Moses' seat:
- 3 All therefore whatsoever they bid you observe, that observe and do; but do not ye after their works: for they say, and do not.
- 5 But all their works they do for to be seen of men:
- 6 And love the uppermost rooms at feasts, and the chief seats in the synagogues,
- 7 And greetings in the markets, and to be called of men, Rabbi, Rabbi.
- 8 But be not ye called Rabbi: for one is your Master, even Christ; and all ye are brethren.
- 9 And call no man your father upon the earth: for one is your Father, which is in heaven.
- 11 But he that is greatest among you shall be your servant.
- 12 And whosoever shall exalt himself shall be abased; and he that shall humble himself shall be exalted.

**6 | Luke 12:37(to:),41-44**

- 37 Blessed are those servants, whom the lord when he cometh shall find watching:
- 41 ¶Then Peter said unto him, Lord, speakest thou this parable unto us, or even to all?
- 42 And the Lord said, Who then is that faithful and wise steward, whom his lord shall make ruler over his household, to give them their portion of meat in due season?
- 43 Blessed is that servant, whom his lord when he cometh shall find so doing.
- 44 Of a truth I say unto you, that he will make him ruler over all that he hath.

**7 | Luke 22:24-27 there**

- 24 there was also a strife among them, which of them should be accounted the greatest.

- 25 And he said unto them, The kings of the Gentiles exercise lordship over them; and they that exercise authority upon them are called benefactors.
- 26 But ye shall not be so: but he that is greatest among you, let him be as the younger; and he that is chief, as he that doth serve.
- 27 For whether is greater, he that sitteth at meat, or he that serveth? is not he that sitteth at meat? but I am among you as he that serveth.

### 8 | Gal. 5:1,13-14

- 1 Stand fast therefore in the liberty wherewith Christ hath made us free, and be not entangled again with the yoke of bondage.
- 13 For, brethren, ye have been called unto liberty; only use not liberty for an occasion to the flesh, but by love serve one another.
- 14 For all the law is fulfilled in one word, even in this; Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself.

### 9 | Phil. 2:1(to 3rd,)-2-5

- 1 If there be therefore any consolation in Christ, if any comfort of love, if any fellowship of the Spirit,
- 2 Fulfil ye my joy, that ye be like-minded, having the same love, being of one accord, of one mind.
- 3 Let nothing be done through strife or vainglory; but in lowliness of mind let each esteem other better than themselves.
- 4 Look not every man on his own things, but every man also on the things of others.
- 5 Let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus:

## SCIENCE AND HEALTH

### 1 | SH 40:25

- Our heavenly Father, divine Love, demands that all men should follow the example of our Master and his
- 27 apostles and not merely worship his personal- **Service and**  
ity. It is sad that the phrase *divine service* **worship**  
has come so generally to mean public worship instead of
- 30 daily deeds.

### 2 | SH 30:30-31:1,12-20 (to ;)

- 30 We cannot choose for ourselves, but must work out our salvation in the way Jesus taught. In meekness and might, he was found
- 31:1 preaching the gospel to the poor.
- 12 First in the list of Christian duties, he taught his followers the healing power of Truth and Love. He attached no importance to dead ceremonies. It is the **Healing**  
**primary**
- 15 living Christ, the practical Truth, which makes  
Jesus "the resurrection and the life" to all who follow him in deed. Obeying his precious precepts, — following his
- 18 demonstration so far as we apprehend it, — we drink of his cup, partake of his bread, are baptized with his purity;

### 3 |

**SH 51:28**

Jesus was unselfish. His spirituality separated him from sensuousness, and caused the selfish materialist  
 30 to hate him; but it was this spirituality which enabled Jesus to heal the sick, cast out evil, and raise the dead.

**4 | SH 4:3**

3 What we most need is the prayer of fervent desire for growth in grace, expressed in patience, meekness, love, and good deeds. To keep the com-  
 6 mandments of our Master and follow his **Efficacious petitions**  
 example, is our proper debt to him and the only worthy evidence of our gratitude for all that he has  
 9 done. Outward worship is not of itself sufficient to express loyal and heartfelt gratitude, since he has said: "If ye love me, keep my commandments."

**5 | SH 242:15**

15 Self-love is more opaque than a solid body. In patient obedience to a patient God, let us labor to dissolve with the universal solvent of Love the adamant  
 18 of error, — self-will, self-justification, and self-love, — which wars against spirituality and is the law of sin and death.

**6 | SH 1:1**

1:1 The prayer that reforms the sinner and heals the sick is an absolute faith that all things are  
 3 possible to God, — a spiritual understanding of Him, an unselfed love. Regardless of what another may say or think on this subject, I speak from experience.  
 6 Prayer, watching, and working, combined with self-immolation, are God's gracious means for accomplishing whatever has been successfully done for the Christian-  
 9 ization and health of mankind.

**7 | SH 366:30,12-19**

30 If we would open their prison doors for the sick, we must first learn to bind up the broken-hearted. If we would heal by the Spirit, we must not hide the talent  
 367:1 of spiritual healing under the napkin of its form, nor bury the *morale* of Christian Science in the grave-clothes  
 3 of its letter. The tender word and Christian **Genuine healing**  
 encouragement of an invalid, pitiful patience with his fears and the removal of them, are better than  
 6 hecatombs of gushing theories, stereotyped borrowed speeches, and the doling of arguments, which are but so many parodies on legitimate Christian Science, aflame  
 9 with divine Love.  
 12 The physician who lacks sympathy for his fellow-

being is deficient in human affection, and we have the  
 apostolic warrant for asking: "He that loveth  
 15 not his brother whom he hath seen, how can  
 he love God whom he hath not seen?" Not having this  
 spiritual affection, the physician lacks faith in the divine  
 18 Mind and has not that recognition of infinite Love which  
 alone confers the healing power.

**The true  
 physician**

**8 | SH 436:11**

Giving a cup of cold water in Christ's name, is a Christian  
 12 service. Laying down his life for a good deed, Mortal Man  
 should find it again. Such acts bear their own justifica-  
 tion, and are under the protection of the Most High.

**9 | SH 79:31-32**

Giving does not impoverish us in the  
 service of our Maker, neither does withholding enrich us.

**10 | SH 462:13**

Whoever would demonstrate the healing of Christian  
 Science must abide strictly by its rules, heed every state-  
 15 ment, and advance from the rudiments laid down. There  
 is nothing difficult nor toilsome in this task, when the way  
 is pointed out; but self-denial, sincerity, Christianity, and  
 18 persistence alone win the prize, as they usually do in every  
 department of life.

**11 | SH 58:7**

Unselfish  
 ambition, noble life-motives, and purity, —  
 9 these constituents of thought, mingling, constitute in-  
 dividually and collectively true happiness, strength, and  
 permanence.

**12 | SH 205:22-29**

When we realize that there is one Mind, the divine law  
 of loving our neighbor as ourselves is unfolded;  
 24 whereas a belief in many ruling minds hinders  
 man's normal drift towards the one Mind, one  
 God, and leads human thought into opposite channels  
 27 where selfishness reigns.

**Redemption  
 from  
 selfishness**

Selfishness tips the beam of human existence towards  
 the side of error, not towards Truth.

**13 | SH 248:29**

Let unselfishness, goodness, mercy, justice,  
 30 health, holiness, love — the kingdom of heaven — reign  
 within us, and sin, disease, and death will diminish until  
 they finally disappear.

**14 | SH 15:23-30**

The Master's injunction is, that we pray in secret and

24 let our lives attest our sincerity.

Christians rejoice in secret beauty and bounty, hidden  
from the world, but known to God. Self-forgetfulness,

27 purity, and affection are constant prayers. **Trustworthy**

Practice not profession, understanding not **beneficence**  
belief, gain the ear and right hand of omnipotence and

30 they assuredly call down infinite blessings.

**15 | SH 55:15-21**

15 Truth's immortal idea is sweeping down the centuries,  
gathering beneath its wings the sick and sinning. My  
weary hope tries to realize that happy day, when man shall

18 recognize the Science of Christ and love his neighbor as  
himself, — when he shall realize God's omnipotence and  
the healing power of the divine Love in what it has done

21 and is doing for mankind.

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