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## The Parables of Jesus Christ: When Our Best is But the Least

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# THE PARABLES OF JESUS CHRIST

## PARABLE THIRTY-FOUR: When Our Best is But the Least (Lk. 17:7-10)

### SURVEY

Here Jesus points out that no servant should expect or demand either praise or reward for performing his duty with the utmost efficiency, for a servant is expected to do just that, namely, to serve!

### SIGNIFICANCE

This parable, as no other, summarizes just what is required from a servant of God.

### SPIRITUAL TRUTHS

- John the Baptist had once rebuked some proud Pharisees as follows:

*“Bring forth therefore fruits meet for repentance: And think not to say within yourselves, We have Abraham to our Father: for I say unto you, that God is able of these stones to raise up children unto Abraham” (Mt. 3:8-9).*

The unvarnished (and unsettling) truth as gleaned from this parable and John's statement is sobering indeed—God simply does not need us.

- However, while Jesus indeed rightfully expects us to serve Him, He condescends to serve us also.

Note the following Scripture verses:

*“After that he poureth water into a bason, and began to wash the disciples feet, and to wipe them with the towel wherewith he was girded” (Jn. 13:5).*

*“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 unto you” (Jn. 15:15).*

*“Blessed are those servants, whom the lord when he cometh shall find watching: verily I say unto you, that he shall gird himself, and make them to sit down to meat, and will come forth and serve them” (Lk. 12:37).*