

RECLAIMING KINGDOM RELATIONSHIPS 2006

6 – Breaking The Slave Mentality Through Generosity

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A SLAVE ONLY DOES WHAT IS REQUIRED OF HIM

Luke 17:7-10, NASB – (7) *But which of you, having a slave plowing or tending sheep, will say to him when he has come in from the field, ‘Come immediately and sit down to eat’? (8) But will he not say to him, ‘Prepare something for me to eat, and {properly} clothe yourself and serve me until I have eaten and drunk; and afterward you will eat and drink’? (9) He does not thank the slave because he did the things which were commanded, does he? (10) So you too, when you do all the things which are commanded you, say, ‘We are unworthy slaves; we have done only that which we ought to have done.’*

- The slave had done what was required of him, he had been faithful and done “reasonable” service.
- There is no reward for reasonable service
- The most you can say, after doing “reasonable service”, is “I am an unworthy slave, I have only done what I ought to do”
- Therefore people who only do “reasonable service”, who only do “what they ought to do” and no more, are operating with a “slave mentality”.

ONLY SONS HAVE AN INHERITANCE

Romans 8:16-17, NASB – (16) *The Spirit Himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God, (17) and if children [sons], heirs also, heirs of God and fellow heirs with Christ ...*

- “Children” = “Teknon” (Greek) = young sons
- Only sons are heirs and receive an inheritance

WE MUST START LIVING LIKES SONS, NOT SLAVES

- If you want an inheritance, you must start to live and think like a son, not a slave
- How do we break the “slave mentality”?
- Start to live like a son, not a slave!
- How do we live like a son?
- Do MORE than reasonable service, do more than we ought to do!

GENEROSITY IS A SIGN OF A SON, NOT A SLAVE

- One way to live like a son, is to GIVE more than you ought to give.
- Stop giving reasonable offerings, and start giving generous, or even lavish love offerings.