

LIVING BEYOND MYSELF
PART 1: THE GREAT GAMBLE
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"...I am among you as one who serves...."

Luke 22:27 (NIV)

FOUR LIFE CHANGING QUESTIONS

"It was just before the Passover Feast. Jesus knew that the time had come for Him to leave this world and go to the Father. Having loved His own who were in the world, He now showed them the full extent of his love. The evening meal was being served ... Jesus knew that the Father had put all things under His power, and that He had come from God and was returning to God; so He got up from the meal, took off His outer clothing, and wrapped a towel around His waist. After that, He poured water into a basin and began to wash His disciples' feet, drying them with the towel that was wrapped around Him ... When He had finished washing their feet, He put on his clothes and returned to his place. 'Do you understand what I have done for you?' He asked them. 'You call Me 'Teacher' and 'Lord,' and rightly so, for that is what I am. Now that I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also should wash one another's feet. I have set you an example that you should do as I have done for you. I tell you the truth, no servant is greater than his master, nor is a messenger greater than the one who sent him. Now that you know these things, you will be blessed if you do them."

John 13:1-5; 12-17 (NIV)

1. **AM I A _____ OF _____?**

2. **IF I AM A _____, AM I FOLLOWING JESUS'**
_____ OF _____?

3. **DO I REALLY BELIEVE THAT _____**
_____?

"I thought in my heart, 'Come now, I will test you with pleasure to find out what is good.' But that also proved to be meaningless. 'Laughter,' I said, 'is foolish. And what does pleasure accomplish?' I tried cheering myself with wine, and embracing folly ... I undertook great projects: I built houses for myself and planted vineyards. I made gardens and parks and planted all kinds of fruit trees in them. I made reservoirs to water groves of flourishing trees. I bought male and female slaves and had other slaves who were born in my house. I also owned more herds and flocks than anyone in Jerusalem before me. I amassed silver and gold for myself, and the treasure of kings and provinces. I acquired men and women singers, and a harem as well - the delights of the heart of man. I became greater by far than anyone in Jerusalem before me ... I denied myself nothing my eyes desired; I refused my heart no pleasure. My heart took delight in all my work, and this was the reward for all my labor. Yet when I surveyed all that my hands had done and what I had toiled to achieve, everything was meaningless, a chasing after the wind; nothing was gained under the sun.

Ecclesiastes 2:1-11 (NIV)

4. **WHAT WILL I DO WITH MY _____ AND _____**
_____?

CHALLENGE

1. _____ **every** _____

2. _____ **the** _____

3. _____ **a** _____

4. _____ **two** _____ **of**

- _____
- a. **Church Family**
 - b. **Home**