

Humbling yourself to the service to others is at the top of my list when I think about what it takes to be a man as you go through life.

Why do I know that?

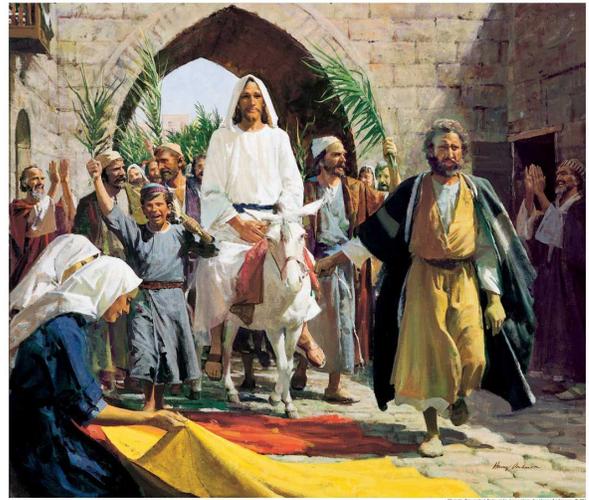
First and foremost, is the example that Jesus Christ set for us.

History lesson here: Yesterday was Palm Sunday. Just one week before he was beaten, tortured and crucified he made his triumphal entry into Jerusalem. His entry is something that the Jewish people had been expecting for generations, the arrival of the Son of God, the Messiah. So how did this new King show up?

Like they expected, as a king wearing a golden crown on a white horse ... maybe even wielding a sword?



... or as he really did, a humble man riding on a donkey?



At the last supper later in the same week Jesus gives his disciples the best example of what he is all about.

When you lived 2000+ years ago, your feet got a little dirty. A job fit for a servant would be the washing of the feet of others.

John 13 recounts this ... During the last supper just prior to Jesus' arrest, Jesus worked his way around the room washing the feet of his disciples, Peter did not think this was a worthy thing for him to do:

**John 13:8**

"No," said Peter, "you shall never wash my feet."

**John 13:12-16**

12 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. 13 "You call me 'Teacher' and 'Lord,' and rightly so, for that is what I am. 14 Now that I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also should wash one another's feet. 15 I have set you an example that you should do as I have done for you. 16 Very truly I tell you, no servant is greater than his master, nor is a

messenger greater than the one who sent him. 17 Now that you know these things, you will be blessed if you do them.

So, was Jesus really talking about washing feet or maybe something a bit greater?

Jesus' greatest act of service, giving his life for each and every one of our sins.

**Mark 10:45**

For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many."

So, how can you serve others?

Two ways that I do it are ...

- Offerings/donations - using some of the blessings that I have gotten and giving back where it is needed
- Using my time to serve others. Everyone has different gifts and talents and is able to help others that are less fortunate.

Final thoughts ... giving is its own reward and will bless you:

**Luke 6:38 (NIV)**

Give, and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together and running over, will be poured into your lap. For with the measure you use, it will be measured to you."

**Luke 6:38 (MSG)**

Give away your life; you'll find life given back, but not merely given back - given back with bonus and blessing. Giving, not getting, is the way. Generosity begets generosity."