**Marks of a Godly Servant (Eliezer)**

**Genesis 24**

**Introduction: I thought I’d just share with you some of the characteristics of a servant. And there are a number of places in the Bible you can go to learn about servanthood.**

**Well, there’s a wonderful model of a servanthood in Genesis 24. And we’ll just kind of zoom through the chapter (No pun intended) and I’ll leave you with some highlights.**

**1. The first mark of a servant is unselfish\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (2)**

**a. Everything is going to go to Isaac and nothing is going to come to Eliezer that once would. And yet, he’s a faithful servant. He’s still there.**

**b. If Eliezer gets the inheritance, fine; if he doesn’t get the inheritance, fine. That’s the servant attitude. I’ll serve you.**

**c. When you wanted to affirm your promise and you wanted to demonstrate the genuineness of that promise, you gestured in that intimate way; very private.**

**2. The second thing about a servant. He has an unconditional \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_TO THE LORD*.***

**a. Eliezer says, “I want you to swear by the Lord the God of heaven and the God of earth.”**

**b. Abraham knew Eliezer would keep his vow because he was very serious, obviously, about the Lord.**

**c. Servants serve because it isn’t any human person they serve, it’s the Lord God Himself that they serve.**

**3. The third thing about a servant, he’s \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_to God’s ways. (3)**

**a. “You shall not take a wife for my son from the daughters of the Canaanites, among whom I live, but you shall go to my country and to my relatives and take a wife for my son Isaac.”**

**b. Now, this is being obedient to God’s ways, you remember, because when they came into the Promised Land, God forbade them to intermarry with the Canaanites.**

**4. The fourth thing I like about a servant. he anticipates\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (7)**

**a. But if the woman is not willing to follow you, then you will be free from this my oath; only do not take my son back there.”**

**b. Now, this guy knows women pretty good, and he knows fathers just as well.**

**c. Eliezer took 10 camels from the camels of his master; and set out with a variety of good things of his masters in his hand,” as a dowery for Isaac’s new wife.**

**5. Here, we would suggest that a servant demonstrates \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.**

**a. Abraham doesn’t give him a big plan. He just accepts the responsibility and puts the plan together on his own.**

**b. We don’t need people to discover problems. We need people to solve problems.**

**c. Eliezer would come to his master and say, “I’ll do it and here’s what I’m going to do; here’s the plan,” and lay it out. He developed a thorough strategy.**

**6. This is another mark of servanthood, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.**

 **a. Abraham made his share of mistakes but this was a loyal, loving servant.**

 **b. He wants the best for Abraham and he wants the best for Isaac.**

**7. We could say another mark of servanthood is he seeks \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ for the sake of others.**

**a. Now, it’s one thing to find a girl who would give you water. It’s something else to find a girl who will give you water and your ten camels water.**

**b. Eliezer was – “looking at her in silence to know whether the Lord had made his journey successful or not.**

**8. Another thing about a servant is he’s patiently \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

 **a. Eliezer could have made a snap judgment, but he just patiently watched.**

 **b. The Lord has guided me in the way to the house of my master’s brothers.**

**9. Another mark of servanthood. The servant measures success NOT by personal\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ but by the task accomplished. verse 28.**

**10. Another thing about a servant, nothing \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_with the task.**

**- Eliezer tells her parents what are you going to do so I can make my next move. Just totally committed to the task, no frustration, very confident.**

**11. Another thing a servant is very\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

**- It came about “when Abraham’s servant heard their words, he bowed himself to the ground before the Lord.”**

**12. Another thing about the servant is \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.**

 **His thanks is not related to personal gain. It’s related to the task.**

**13. Very \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ in God’s plan, That’s another mark of servanthood.**

**a. This is my life, this is my child that you – you’re taking her away to somebody I don’t know to some place I don’t know. Can you give me ten days?**

**b. “Eliezer said to them, ‘Do not delay me since the Lord has prospered my way. Send me away that I may go to my master.’” Don’t delay me.**

**14. Another characteristic of servants is they see the job through to the\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.**

**- And Rebekah lifted up her eyes, and when she saw Isaac. Job complete!**

**15. This is another thing about a servant. There’s a certain healthy sense of PRIDE in \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ to his master.**

**a. In and of itself, one man working for another man is not wrong. That’s the way the world is designed.**

 **b. In any structure, slavery or not, one man abusing another man is wrong.**

**c. But here was a servant who was really owned by his master and nothing made him more proud than to belong.**

**Conclusion:**

**ELIEZER; What a SERVANT. May the Lord give us such servants; bright, articulate, faithful, dutiful.**

**PRAYER:**

**Thank you, Father, for our time tonight and for Your word and thank You for the model of this dear man who loved; who – who loyally loved Abraham and who loyally loved the very son who took away his inheritance, who was a man who never really wanted an inheritance. He wanted to serve.**

**Lord, help us to know that wherever You’ve placed us is where our SERVICE must be DONE and may it be always DONE to You. Thank You in Christ’s name for even the privilege of being called Your SERVANT. In Jesus’ name. Amen.**

**Most of this outline is from John MacArthur Jr.**