

What is the Key to Greatness?

Mark 9:33-34

John 13:13-17

Phil 2:3-4

Matthew 5:16



**Question to Ask Yourself: Are you more selfless or
are you more selfish?**

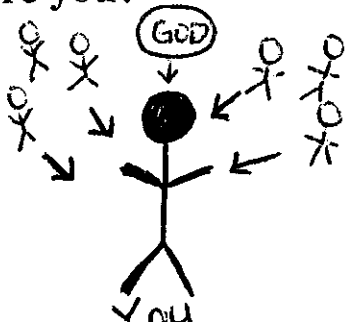
Scenarios:

1. There is one piece of chocolate cake left, you really want it but you know that your dad hasn't had any yet.
2. You and your friend go into Timmy Ho's for something to drink. She realizes that she left her money at home. You really wanted a large ice cap and that's all the money you have on you.
3. Your mom drives you around to take care of some things you wanted to do (shopping, bank, work). You stop at a fast-food place because mom wants some coffee. You...
4. Someone at work asks you to take a shift, but you want to hang out with friends that night. This person has taken shifts for you in the past but...
5. You have a ton of homework and you also just want to chill out and spend some time playing video games or talking on the phone for a while. As you lay on your bed; your room a mess, mom walks in to ask for any dirty wash. You can tell she's had a hard day and it's almost dinner time.

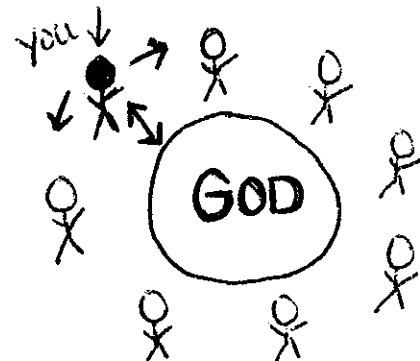
Principles of a Servant

1. Do I have an attitude of selflessness?
2. Am I getting alone w/ God? (prayer & Scripture)
3. What *will I do* to serve others?
4. When I am serving, do they *know* that I serve God?

Which one are you?



or



As we get ready to approach a season that the world has defined as
"Give Me, Give Me, Give Me; Spend, Spend, Spend" Let's make a
choice to

SERVE ! SERVE ! SERVE !

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At Home:

- Change your focus from yourself to others, and pray to the Lord for the strength to do it!
- Think about giving up some presents and using the money for gifts of charity. Let it be a family project.
- Make a list of people (other than your usual choices) that you could give gifts of the heart to. Examples: give favorite teachers (and the grumpy ones too) hot chocolate or tea packages with a nice note; elderly neighbors with a coupon for one free driveway shovel + phone number; put your extra change in the Salvation Army bucket.
- Go beyond the holidays. Buy a package of nice note cards. When someone is sick, down-whatever, write them a note and slip it to them on the sly. Make a batch of cookies or a pot of soup for a sick neighbor, go out of your way to help Mom/Dad without being asked, give hugs and I Love You's when least expected, treat the people well who treat *you* well.
- Keep commitments and make new ones. Give money where you said you would, and figure out how to give even more.
- Volunteer more: soup kitchens, church events, animal shelters, school, food pantries, etc.

At Youth Group:

Commit to collecting food for our Thanksgiving Dinners Drive

- Pray that this will be successful
- Saturday, November 7th @ Budway's Supermarket in NT
- Collecting from your street. Bring food to youth group no later than 11/18 (Juniors) & 11/23 (Seniors)

Commit to Raising money for our Christmas Outreach Presents

- Pray that this will be successful
- Plan on helping for the entire Spaghetti Dinner fundraising event (if possible)
- Plan on eating and paying for your dinner (\$7.00)
- Attempt to fill a shoe box present for Samaritan's Purse. This will cost you about \$20 and your dinner will then be only \$6
- Attempt to sell a box of candy bars and donate the profits
- Possibly have you and your family donate a basket for the silent auction
- Be a part of the meetings that will prepare these presents and possible deliver them as well.

Be Excited ! Be Focused ! Be Committed !
Be Ready for how you will feel when the Lord grows your Heart !