

No Charge!
The Parable of the Obedient Servant
Luke 17:7-10

A. The details behind the parable

1. The structure of the parable

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And which of you, having a servant plowing or tending sheep, will say to him when he has come in from the field, ‘Come at once and sit down to eat’?

But will he not rather say to him, ‘Prepare something for my supper and gird yourself and serve me till I have eaten and drunk, and afterward you will eat and drink’? Does he thank that servant because he did the things that were commanded him? I think not.

So likewise you, when you have done all those things which you are commanded, say, ‘We are unprofitable servants. We have done what was our duty to do.’ ”

2. The context of the parable

3. The audience for the parable

4. The cultural considerations

a. The prevalence of servants

b. Understanding “servanthood”

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B. The story (vs 7-9)

1. An unexpected scenario (7)
2. An expected scenario (8-9)

C. The application of the parable (vs 10)

“likewise you”

“say”

“unprofitable servants”

Applied to sanctification:

Illustrated: Matthew 14:15-21; Mark 6:52

When you get relational, everything changes!

Why does God reward His servants?