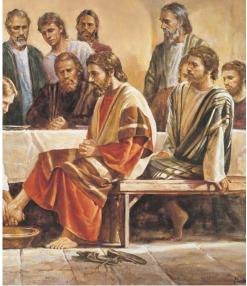
history's worst act of treachery.

Jesus was performing the most menial of tasks for a person who treated the Creator of the universe as being someone worth no more than 30 pieces of silver. Knowingly, the One whose name is associated with giving life got His hands dirty to serve the one whose name would stand for betrayal and death for the rest of time.

Doesn't Jesus' example tell us something special about service? Doesn't it remind us that we are not called to serve only those who are like us, or even those who care for us? We are called to serve all people—the lovely and the unlovely, the friendly and the not-so-friendly.

When was the last time you "washed the feet" of someone like Judas?



When Jesus took a servant's towel— His honor set aside— He humbly showed us how to serve, And how to conquer pride. —Sper

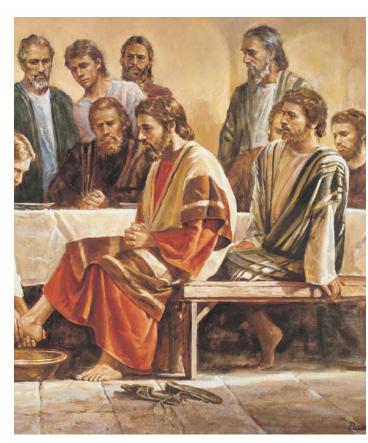
It's difficult to stand on a pedestal and wash the feet of those below.



The Feet Of Judas

I have given you an example, that you should do as I have done to you. — John 13:15

When we read the story of Jesus washing the disciples' feet, we may think



we understand why He was doing that for them. John, for instance, was a close friend. Then there were Peter and Andrew, who had been so faithful in following the Master.

Each of the disciples must have had something that endeared him to Jesus. But why did He wash the feet of Judas? Jesus knew that He was stooping down to serve the one who would soon stoop to perform

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Romans: Truth in a Nutshell (unzipped for you) How to Serve

In Romans 15:13-16 we have four requirements for every believer as they serve. These are four descriptions of what we are, or should be:

1. Be filled with _____, verses 13 (<u>Psalms 126:6</u>) "He who continually goes forth weeping, Bearing seed for sowing, Shall doubtless come again with rejoicing, Bringing his sheaves with him."

(1 Corinthians 15:58) "Therefore, my beloved brethren, be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of





the Lord, knowing that your labor is not in vain in the Lord."

(Isaiah 55:11) "So shall My word be that goes forth from My mouth; It shall not return to Me void, But it shall accomplish what I please, And it shall prosper in the thing for which I sent it." (I Timothy 3:4-5) "one who rules his own house well, having his children in submission with all reverence

<u>{5}</u> (for if a man does not know how to rule his own house, how will he take care of the church of God?);"

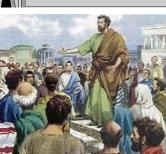
2. Be filled with the _____, verse 13

(*Colossians 1:28*) "Him we preach, warning every man and teaching every man in all wisdom, that we may present every man perfect in Christ Jesus."

(2 Thessalonians 3:14-15) "And if anyone does not obey our word in this epistle, note that person and do not keep company with him, that he may be ashamed. {15} Yet do not count him as an enemy, but admonish him as a brother." (Ephesians 5:9) "(for the fruit of the Spirit is in all goodness, righteousness, and truth)," (Ephesians 5:18) "And do not be drunk with wine, in which is dissipation; but be filled with the Spirit,"







(Acts 11:24-26) "For he was a good man, full of the Holy Spirit and of faith.

And a great many people were added to the Lord. [25] Then Barnabas departed for Tarsus to seek Saul. [26] And when he had found him, he brought him to Antioch. So it was that for a whole year they assembled with the church and taught a great many people. And the disciples were first called Christians in Antioch."



(Acts 9:36-39) "At Joppa there was a certain disciple named Tabitha, which is translated Dorcas. This woman was full of good works and charitable deeds which she did. {37} But it happened in those days that she became sick and died. When they had washed her, they laid her in an upper room. {38} And since Lydda was near Joppa, and the disciples had heard that Peter was there, they sent two men to him, imploring him not to delay in coming to them. {39} Then Peter arose and went with them. When he had come, they brought him to the upper room. And all the widows stood by him weeping, showing the tunics and garments which Dorcas had made while she was with them."

(Acts 9:42) "And it became known throughout all Joppa, and many believed on the Lord."

(*Matthew 5:16*) ""Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven."

(*Ephesians 2:10*) "For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand that we should walk in them."

[Next time: 3. Be filled with the ______, 4. Be filled with ______,]

