

Building the Church Implies Relating Well to Those We Serve ¹

1 Timothy 6:1-2

As we give honor to whom honor is due, we ultimately give honor to God.

1. When the person you're serving is not a believer (v1)

2. When the person you're serving is a believer (v2)

Building the Church Implies Relating Well to Those We Serve

For Further Thought

1. See Colossians 3:23-24 and Mark 10:35-45. Name some things that should motivate us to serve.
2. Is it harder for you personally to serve a believer or an unbeliever? Why? Can you think of a couple situations where this has been the case?
3. Read Titus 2:1-10. How can our behavior toward an unbeliever we must serve adorn the gospel?
4. How does our attitude toward someone we must serve reflect on God's reputation? See Romans 2:24. Have you seen this in action?
5. Read Matthew 20:20-28. What did Mrs. Zebedee want? What would that look like in her mind's eye? How does Jesus reply? Do you think she and her sons understood what Jesus was saying? Why do you suppose the other ten were indignant? What's the heart of Jesus' lesson in v25-28? Does servanthood come naturally to us? How do you overcome the desire to be served rather than to serve?
6. Can you think of someone who you've been reluctant to serve? What difference could it make for the Kingdom if you were to follow Jesus in the path of humble servanthood?