



Not Greater, Not entitled To, Nor More Important Than

"How true it is that a servant is not greater than the Master. Nor are messengers more important than the one who sends them." ~John 13:16, nlt

Do you feel "entitled to," "more deserving of blessings," or "better than"? Do you feel that you must work for your paycheck and benefits or sue for the money you need? Maybe you feel gobs of cash and care are owed to you simply because of how good and wonderful you are. Where in the Book does it say that?

Listen, you are not and I am not so let's grow up!

Have you been sent with a Message? If you're a Christian, you indeed have been sent. And how do you feel about all that? How do you feel about yourself, about God, His Church and that Message? We are not to walk by feelings or sight, but God does care about how you feel.

Do you see yourself as more important, as greater, or as better? How come? Is this due to some academic, career, sports or other achievements that you've worked hard to gain?

Congrats on achieving, but who gave you the ability to achieve the things that you have achieved?

Some believers and unbelievers do see themselves as more important ya know, but we are all called to submit to Christ's Authority and that type of thing is not for the assertive arrogant. We are mandated to be authentically humble and honest in Christ as servants who faithfully serve their Lord over the long haul and serve others ([Phl. 2:3](#)).

Man, Kurt, who do you think you are to talk like this? Hey, I'm merely trying to stir up proper thinking and be factual ..not offensive.

Believer, where are you at inside? I for sure hope that you feel good inside, but do you feel good about yourself like you are all that and a bag of chips? Is feeling good about yourself need not be anyone's main aim—being in God's will should be? And Christians are not better than other people, they are simply better off, so please.. let's stop speaking down our noses at anyone. Lately I have seen many gay people with what appears to be intense hatred for Christians and their wholesome values, even trying to cause them pain to advance their wrong cause. I've even met a few Christians before who seem to hate gays. The hatred of people must stop! God's opinion as revealed in the Scriptures is the only one that really matters—not mine and not yours!

Christians of all people need to show love for people. None of us really have anything to be proud about when you think about it. To be frank, my fleshly nature tells me otherwise at times and it always protests against any type of servanthood proposed, or against any humbling of self that's considered. I've got to go against my fleshly nature or I will take a stride from my Master's side! When was the last time you saw Christians serving gay people in a practical holy way? I've seen it happen before and it needs to happen with all people groups more ..along with

appropriate verbal witnessing.

Face it, we live in a sin-cursed fallen world and we don't have much time to rescue. Look around and try to tell me otherwise if you feel like scoffing. Everyday puffed-up sinful straight men who live like hell ..spend gobs of money to marry selfish sinful women (often trying marriage two or three times with different ones) and then incredibly.. both parties hope to enjoy a heavenly home life filled with love, harmony, and peace. Imagine that! Man, are they ever surprised after the honeymoon—selfish sinner is married to the same! I certainly wish them God's best—and I never want to be hard-core-pessimist. Why be a negative thinker? I've even performed several weddings filled with prayer and well-wishing. But so often strife, wounding, pain, and real-abuse end up in this domestic situation. God's Way is left out and children get hurt badly. And I've even seen some become very fearful of traditional marriage (I have, and I'm trying to be somewhat understanding here).

Every election sinner-citizens vote for some sinner-leaders and then all involved hope to live in a sin-less nation where problems will be solved and everything always goes perfectly. And the gazillion problems were brought on by us humans—it's our fault, yet many of them can be fixed if we get back to God's Word.

But our sinner-leaders (at least in the past few decades) have tended not to hear real well and sometimes things get even worse fast and then the sinner-voters end up living in a real bad way until they can vote-in another sinner-leader (don't get me wrong, some sinner-leaders are much worse than others as we've seen).

But you'd think we'd all learn eventually that seeking to be served rather than to serve, living to get rather than living to give, seeking to be understood rather than to really understand others—this is all spawned by pride, lust, rebellious-independence, self-will and covetousness. It never betters anything for us! **Society is whacked like never before and it's time to get back to the Bible and it's Author!**

Yeah, it often doesn't feel good to be patient down here especially when others are forcing themselves ahead of you in line.. feel good to be deferring, or to be respectful ..when that other person is acting like a royal jerk.. or to be humble when so many are in it for a major power-grab! Haven't we seen a lot of that lately?

Personally, I never ever feel like dying to my own way or agenda, but as a saved-sinner I would be smart to remember that the harder I go on myself (my fleshly nature), the easier life seems to go on me. It's about discipline and doing what's right regardless of the cost—how else can we make an evangelistic impact? It's about proper priorities in a world without em. You and I would be wise ..every time.. to inquire of the Lord first before proceeding with anything we plan to do. We can afford no more spiritual digression and consequences. Man, am I still learning this? You bet. Seems like I need to keep relearning it.

What am I trying to say?

Think and do biblically—realistically! Do this in love consistently! Acting like this will often go against the way you feel and against the grain of society, but it will be much better for you, your family and our nation in the long run. Die to self, die to your pride, die to mixed and purely stupid sowing! Die to all habits and stuff that oppose the Word of God! We aren't to be in this for comfort, security, pleasure or what we can get out of it! Turn and be made new supernaturally! It can happen today. Quit being a wimp and stand up for all that's good as defined in the Bible ..and fully against all that is wicked and unholy ..but not in your own strength! Too much is goin' down around us and we've been sleepin'-in clutching our cozy comforter. Wake up! Stand up! Speak up loud and clear! If you and I don't quickly humble ourselves and obey Authority (God's following Christ), the vicious

weirdness simply ain't going away and it's only going to get worse fast!

Listen, do you consider yourself a Christian today? On what basis do you?

The godly characteristics of Christ and His fruit of the Spirit as we see in Galatians should start to appear in the life of a person who fully surrenders their life to Christ's Lordship. We don't work for salvation (of course it's free), but if this Deal really happened in your life, good works should proceed to show up rather than mere words about it or even good beliefs ([Jam. 2:19](#)). And we believers really shouldn't expect to see those lovely aspects of the saved-life show up in the life of a religious or irreligious person we work along side. Their roots aren't down in the right soil, so the fruit will undoubtedly stink. So why do I so often expect to stop the bad habits of the lost? Why do I feel tempted to reform rude unbelievers that I live pretty close to (like that is their root problem, or somehow my responsibility, or like I am so perfect and have earned the right to engage in that)? Reformers of history reformed by shining the light bright—they preached the Gospel (the greater strategie).

Man, it seems like I've got to resist MYSELF a whole lot saying, *"Real bad idea in your brain, Kurt! Other Christians better than you have tried in vain to reform by pointing out their bad habit, so why do you think you will get different results?"*

God wants this saved sinner (me) to love all lost sinners and only feel His hatred for their sin; to clearly share my story minus exaggeration (my testimony), the Scriptures and the Gospel for a decision.

Good questions to think about huh. It's worth [checkin' yourself out](#) to see if you are genuinely born from above with right inner motives and all ([Jn. 3](#)). Why not go for it... go for Him? What do you have to lose? Nothin'!

Perhaps you know that you are lost and adrift? Is your empty life with those pleasure-seeking party-animals really workin' for ya? Do you really want to get what they have? Yikes! The fun is so short-lived! I've been there, but now I party in a completely different kind of way that is much better and leaves me with no hangover. I enjoy heart-to heart fellowship with my Maker daily—you were designed for this as well!

I've personally never regretted serving Christ even one day. He's never let me down. Jesus hasn't been pushy, preachy, condemning, or even snooty with me. And He always keeps His promises. He is GOOD and if He doesn't answer my requests in the affirmative or my questions even.. then He has good reason(s), and I should never expect that He owes me anything. Who of us should feel mad at Him Who never does wrong? Christ is our kind, humble, giving risen Lord ..and reigning King—He is God and we are not! He is Great!

Hey, if He can selflessly serve people and properly rep the Father on earth, why can't we ignore our old nature, feelings, ego and do the same?

Does that mean that we are to be like doormats that keep supporting and covering for hurtful fools who insist upon their own way at any price? No, but you and I are called to prayerfully get involved with open willing sinners; to roll up our sleeves and serve Christ by meeting real needs that these people have. Christ who is greater than all, exemplified this lowly practical lifestyle ([Jn. 13:4-5](#)) and He has literally made us free to do as He did ([Gal. 5:13](#))! He can [empower you](#) today!

Does that mean there is to be no place for protests, voting, political activism and picketing? No, that type of stuff does have its place (unlike gay marriage! OMGolfSwing, leave Ms California alone and just get a clue from the plumbing for God's sake), but a Christian's main duty on the horizontal plane is to live according to the true Gospel by Christ's power and preach it wisely.. making disciples in all nations.

Hey, it would be such a good thing to remind ourselves from time to time of Who we serve.. and also never forget who we are (and aren't). You and I and all pro-preachers are less important—we're to be servants! He is the Important One to serve.

Yes, who are we really? Believer, you and I are...

..prisoners totally delivered, ([Num. 14:13](#)), loved-sinners saved and free, ([1 Jn. 4:16](#), [Jn. 8:36](#)), gentle blood-bought saints, ([Phil. 4:5](#)), an escaped remnant that's glory-bound ([Ezra 9:15](#)).. not our own—you and I are the property of Jesus Christ (See [1 Cor. 6:20](#), [1 Cor. 7:23](#)), we are weak, but we're in Him Who is radically stronger than all ([2 Cor. 12:9](#), nkjv).

How big is the God you serve? How big have you been? Please see things accurately rather than be a legend in your own mind, or something totally sub-inferior than what is real.

Christ is the greater One—not you or me—He alone is worthy of all the praise, credit, adoration, and glory!

Not unto us, O Lord,...but to Your name give glory, because of Your mercy, because of Your truth. —Psalm 115:1

Not I, but Christ, be honored, loved, exalted; not I, but Christ, be seen, be known, be heard; not I, but Christ, in every look and action; not I, but Christ, in every thought and word. —Whiddington

We tend to think way too much of ourselves and think way too little of the Lord! We tend to think that others think of us way more than they really do.

Why be one to make an idol of yourself, or serve some other lame idol? Why be one to dash for the best seat at the dinner table when it might not have your name tag placed on it? Let them invite you to a higher location rather than take it for yourself. Yeah, leave that type of behavior for those in Washington.

Let those in the world push, shove, grab, punch, pander to and manipulate. Our lives are not to be about that! Your life is no longer are to be lived “me-first” or “me ahead of the others” according to what you want (Listen up, Kurt)! Our lives are to be a living sacrifice on God's altar and for Gods' glory, according to what He has said. We are to be His faithful servants obedient day in and day out. Put self-aggrandizement and self promotion on hold.. permanently! Don't you know that there is healing and restoration in obedience? Some of us self-professing Christians need to do something new and try it out for a change. Go ahead and tell the Lord that you are willing to stop all the compromise-nonsense and obey Him!

If you know your place, have you accepted it yet? [You can!](#) [Wanna be sure about getting it right?](#) Do it! Respond now before you forget.

Do you feel insignificant like you totally lack value? You are not and cost the Son of God His all. He longs to have a partnership and friendship with you. Do you have a prayer request or a question about knowing God in a personal way? Visit us at: fish4souls.org ..click “[Contact](#)” and let us know! Perhaps we can help you.