**Rediscovering the Joy
of Being with God and His People Pt. 4**John 13:1-17
**“Who is the Greatest?”**
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**Main Idea:** The discipline of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ replaces the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
of “who’s in charge?” with “who’s in need”?

Jesus declares, “You know that the rulers of the Gentiles lord it over them, and their great men exercise authority over them. It shall not be so among you.” He totally and completely rejected the pecking-order systems of his day. How then was it to be among them? “Whoever would be great among you must be your servant…even as the Son of man came not to be served but to serve.” Therefore the spiritual authority of Jesus is an authority not found in a position or title, but in a towel.  **– Richard J. Foster**

**2 Key Observations:**

1. “Who’s in charge?” focuses on forced \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
which rarely leads to long-term change. (Authoritarian)
2. “Who’s in need?” focuses on freely sharing God’s \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_,
which leads to a change of heart.(Authoritative)

***Ways to Grow in the Discipline of Service:***

1) Serve by allowing others to \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

2) Serve in seemingly \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and let them go \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

3) Serve by \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ the reputation of others.

4) Serve by practicing \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

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6) Serve by \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ with one another.

7) Serve by \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

Self-righteous service requires external rewards. It needs to know that people see and appreciate the effort. It seeks human applause – with proper religious modesty of course. True service rests contented in hiddenness. It does not fear the lights and blare of attention, but it does not seek them either. Since it is living out of a new Center of reference, the divine nod of approval is completely sufficient.  **– Richard J. Foster**