

DADS CLASS June 18

How We Bless One Another Is How We Will Be Blessed By God

Jn 13:12–17 (NKJV) — 12 So when He had washed their feet, taken His garments, and sat down again, He said to them, “Do you know what I have done to you? 13 You call Me Teacher and Lord, and you say well, for so I am. 14 If I then, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another’s feet. 15 For I have given you an example, that you should do as I have done to you. 16 Most assuredly, I say to you, a servant is not greater than his master; nor is he who is sent greater than he who sent him. 17 If you know these things, blessed are you if you do them.

Section I: The Example of Christ’s Servanthood

1. According to John 13:12–15, what was Jesus’ purpose in washing the disciples’ feet?
2. How does Philippians 2:5–8 describe the attitude Jesus had when He came to earth?
3. What does the act of washing feet symbolize in the life of a believer today?
4. What connection can be made between Jesus putting off His garments and His heavenly identity?

Section II: Living a Life of Grace and Humility

5. What is meant by Jesus giving them "grace" even though He knew they would fail Him?
6. What does Mark 10:43–45 teach us about greatness in the kingdom of God?
7. How are we instructed to treat others in Colossians 3:12–14?
8. Why is bearing with one another and forgiving one another central to Christian love?

Section III: Obedience and the Blessing of God

9. What condition does Jesus place on being “blessed” in John 13:17?
10. According to James 1:22–25, what danger exists for those who only hear the word but do not do it?
11. What does James 4:17 say about knowing what is right but not doing it?
12. How does Luke 12:47 relate to the importance of obedience?

Section IV: Love as the Fulfillment of the Law

13. What commandment did Jesus give in John 13:34–35?
14. What is the one word in Galatians 5:14 that fulfills the law?
15. What does 1 John 4:7–8 teach us about the nature of love and knowing God?

Section V: Blessing Others is Blessing God

16. What principle was given to Abraham in Genesis 12:2–3?

17. According to Matthew 25:40, how is blessing others directly connected to blessing Christ?
18. Why is serving others a reflection of God's love in us?
19. What does it mean that the more you pour into others, the more Christ pours into you?

Section VI: Personal Application

20. According to Ephesians 4:32, what should our attitude be when forgiving others?
21. What motivation does Matthew 6:1–4 give for serving without recognition?
22. How do Proverbs 16:24 and Ephesians 4:29 encourage us to use our words?
23. What does 1 John 3:18 tell us about how love should be expressed?
24. What principle does Romans 12:10 give about honoring others?
25. How does this teaching challenge your current mindset about serving and blessing others?

Memory Verse:

John 13:17 – “If you know these things, blessed are you if you do them.”

Westminster Shorter Catechism Questions

The Purpose of Life and Scripture

Q. 1. What is the supreme purpose of man?

A. The supreme purpose of man is to glorify God, ^[a] and to enjoy him forever. ^[b]

^[a]. Ps. 86:9; Isa. 60:21; Rom. 11:36; 1 Cor. 6:20; 10:31; Rev. 4:11

^[b]. Ps. 16:5-11; 144:15; Isa. 12:2; Luke 2:10; Phil. 4:4; Rev. 21:3-4

Q. 2. What has God given to direct us how we may glorify and enjoy him?

A. The Word of God, which is contained in the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments, ^[a] are the only Scriptures to direct us how we may glorify and enjoy him. ^[b]

^[a]. Matt. 19:4-5 with Gen. 2:24; Luke 24:27, 44; 1 Cor. 2:13; 14:37; 2 Pet. 1:20-21; 3:2, 15-16

^[b]. Deut. 4:2; Ps. 19:7-11; Isa. 8:20; John 15:11; 20:30-31; Acts 17:11; 2 Tim. 3:15-17; 1 John 1:4

Q. 3. What do the Scriptures primarily reveal?

A. The Scriptures primarily reveal what man is to believe concerning God, ^[a] and what duty God requires of man ^[b].

^[a]. Gen. 1:1; John 5:39; 20:31; Rom. 10:17; 2 Tim. 3:15

^[b]. Deut. 10:12-13; Josh. 1:8; Ps. 119:105; Mic. 6:8; 2 Tim. 3:16-17