

**Reflection Questions:** Do I consider myself a *slave of God*? Why or why not? How would someone notice that I'm carrying out the call to be God's slave? A slave's objective was to please his master in everything he did. Therefore, as slaves of God, we are to please Him in everything we do. What are some areas of your life in which you are not pleasing the Lord as you should?

How can we pray for one another this week?

### Quotes to Ponder

*Whereas the outside world called them "Christians," the earliest believers repeatedly referred to themselves in the New Testament as the Lord's slaves. For them, the two ideas were synonymous. To be a Christian was to be a slave of Christ.*

John MacArthur

*I ask myself, as I ask you tonight, whether there is anything so divine that we can do with this life of ours as to bind it in perpetual voluntary slavery to Jesus Christ for lost humanity's sake, and to say to Him: "If God will show me anything that I can do for the redemption of this world that I have not yet attempted, by His grace I will undertake it at once; for I cannot, I dare not go up to judgment until I have done the utmost that God expects me to do to diffuse His glory throughout the whole world."*

J. Campbell White

*The true position, then, for a man is to be God's slave. The harsh, repellent features of that wicked institution assume an altogether different character when they become the features of my relation to Him. Absolute submission, unconditional obedience, on the slave's part; and on the part of the Master complete ownership.... Such slavery is the only freedom. Liberty does not mean doing as you like, it means liking as you ought, and doing that. He only is free who submits to God in Christ, and thereby overcomes himself and the world and all antagonism, and is able to do that which it is his life to do.*

Alexander Maclaren

*The early saints delighted to count themselves Christ's absolute property, bought by him, owned by him, and wholly at his disposal. ... We desire that Christ Jesus should be our Lord in everything and Lord over every part of our being. . . . He who truly loves Jesus, and who knows that he is one of those who are redeemed by him, says with all his heart that Jesus is Lord, his absolute Sovereign, his Despot, if that word be used in the sense of Christ having unlimited monarchy and supreme sway over the soul.*

Charles Spurgeon



Titus 1:1a

*Sermon*  
Notes

October 25, 2020

1. What in the text/sermon impacted you most? Encouraged you? Convinced you? Challenged you? Confused you? Comforted you?

2. When we hear the word *slave*, what do we think of? Why?

3. What are some characteristics we associate with the term *slave*?

4. What does Paul call himself in *Titus 1:1a*? Why?

5. When Jesus says, *Follow Me (Matthew 10:38)*, what level of commitment is He calling for? What priority should He be in our lives?

6. Read *James 1:1*. Even though he could have referred to himself as Jesus' brother, James chose to call himself a slave. What does this say about his perspective on the Christian life?

7. Read *James 4:13–15*. How does this passage fit within the slave metaphor? In what ways does it describe the attitude of genuine believers?

8. Our present and future relationship with God is set in the context of slavery. We are to be His slaves now and we will be His slaves in heaven (*Revelation 22:3-4*). What should our response be in our role as God's slaves?

9. A slave has no right to his life. He is at the complete mercy of his master. Is the idea of being at God's mercy comforting or frightening to you? Why?

10. Who is everyone a slave to naturally?

*John 8:34* —

*Romans 6:22* —

*Romans 6:6* —

*2 Peter 2:19* —

*Romans 6:16-18* —

11. Who can we become a slave of?

*Matthew 6:24* —

*Colossians 4:1* —

*Romans 1:1* —

*1 Peter 2:16* —

12. What does it mean to go from being a slave to sin to being a slave to Jesus Christ? How is your life different because of that transformation?

13. Slaves had only one primary concern, to carry out the will of the master. In areas where they were given direct commands, they were required to obey. In areas where no direct command was given, they were to find ways to please the master as best they could. Read *Colossians 3:17, 23*. What elements of life fall outside the boundaries of these verses?

14. If we are *slaves of God*, what do these verses mean? Explain.

*Romans 8:15* —

*Galatians 4:7* —