




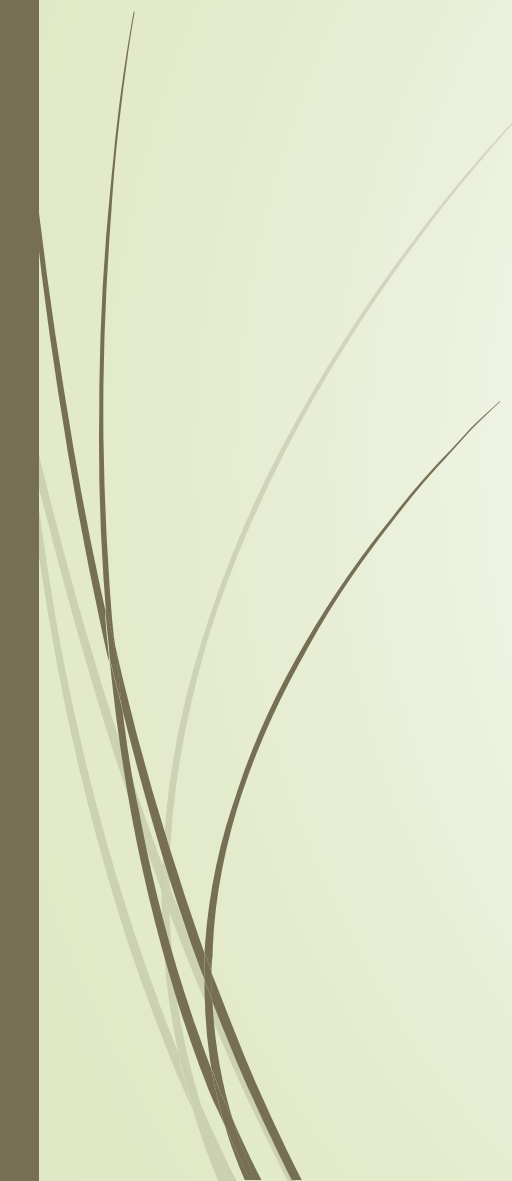
# The Ultimate Apologetic

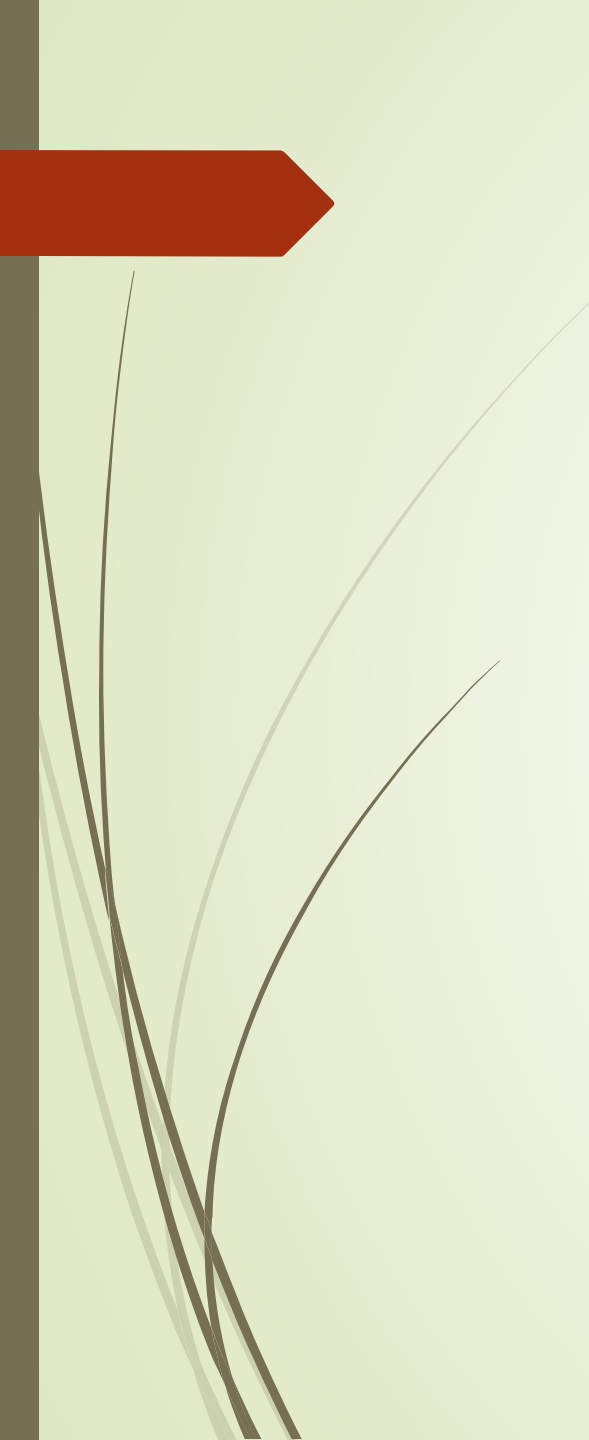
*UP THE DOWN STAIRCASE*

*GALATIANS 5:13-15*



<sup>13</sup> You, my brothers, were called to be free. But do not use your freedom to indulge the sinful nature; rather, serve one another in love. <sup>14</sup> The entire law is summed up in a single command: “Love your neighbor as yourself.”





**Life is like a game of tennis;  
The one who serves well  
seldom loses.**



## GUIDELINES

<sup>12</sup> When he had finished washing their feet, he put on his clothes and returned to his place. “Do you understand what I have done for you?” he asked them. <sup>13</sup> “You call me ‘Teacher’ and ‘Lord,’ and rightly so, for that is what I am. <sup>14</sup> Now that I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also should wash one another’s feet. <sup>15</sup> I have set you an example that you should



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do as I have done for you. <sup>16</sup> I tell you the truth, no servant is greater than his master, nor is a messenger greater than the one who sent him. <sup>17</sup> Now that you know these things, you will be blessed if you do them.

John 13:12–17


# BLESSED?

- ▶ pertaining to being happy, with the implication of enjoying favorable circumstances

Louw, J. P., & Nida, E. A. (1996). (electronic ed. of the 2nd edition., Vol. 1, p. 301).  
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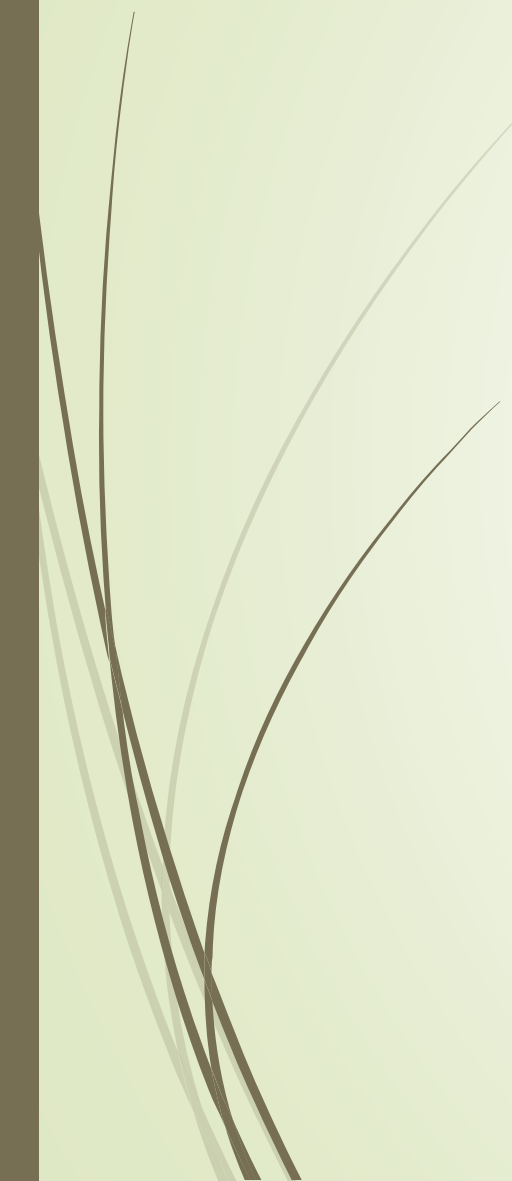
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## LUKE 4:18–19


<sup>18</sup> “The Spirit of the Lord is on me,  
because he has anointed me  
to preach good news to the poor.  
He has sent me to proclaim freedom for  
the prisoners  
and recovery of sight for the blind,  
to release the oppressed,  
<sup>19</sup> to proclaim the year of the Lord’s favor.”








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# HOW CAN WE BE LIKE JESUS?



Whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers you did for me. Matthew 25:40

<sup>36</sup> “Which of these three do you think was a neighbor to the man who fell into the hands of robbers?”

<sup>37</sup> The expert in the law replied, “The one who had mercy on him.”

Jesus told him, “Go and do likewise.”

Luke 10:36–37

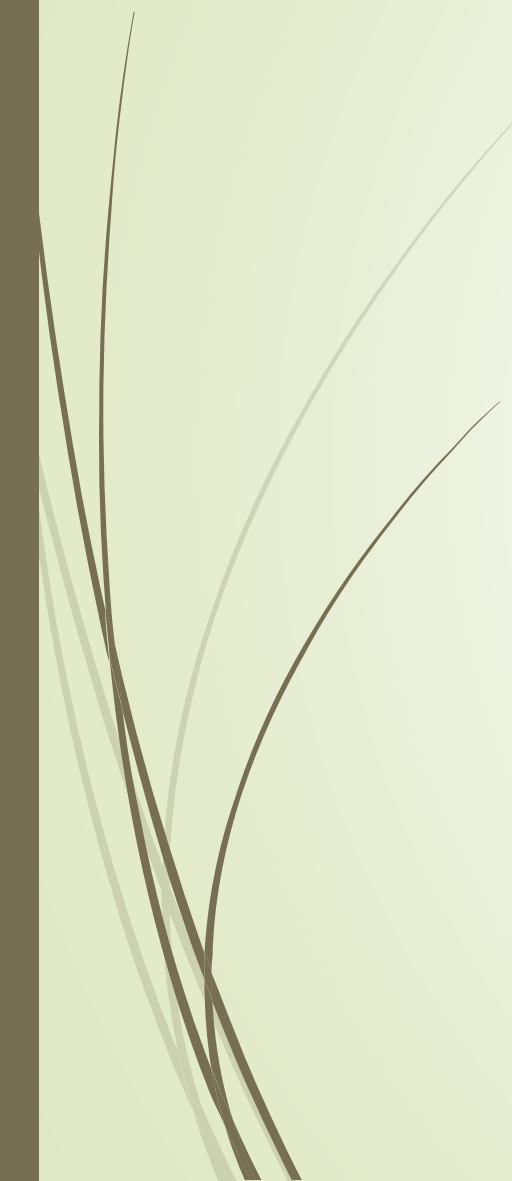


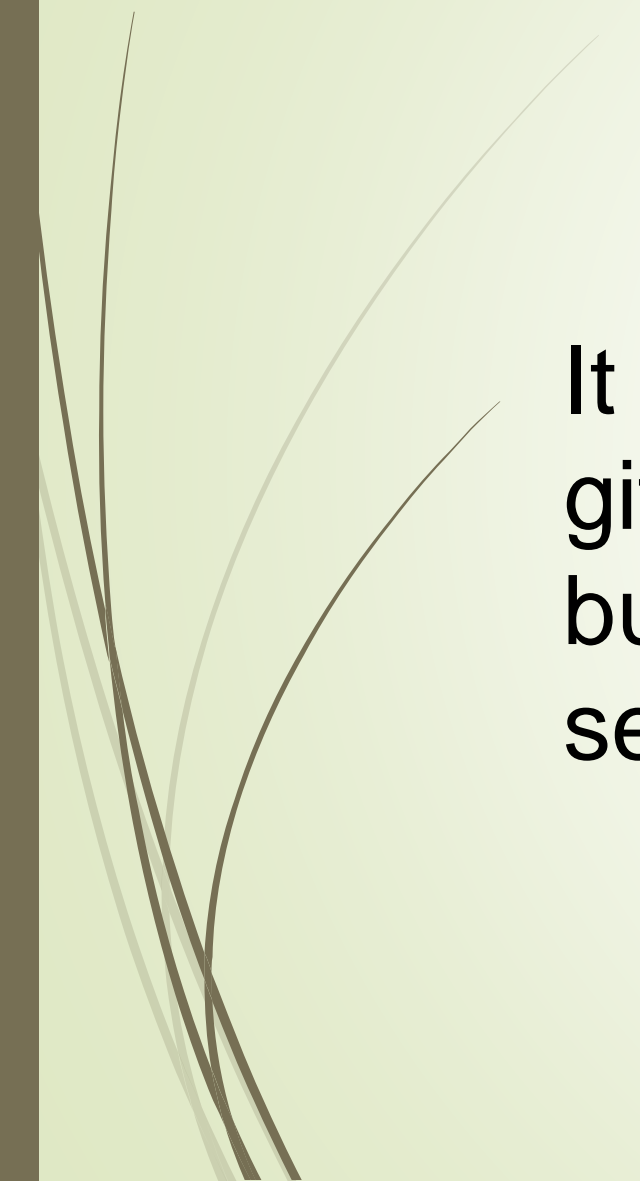

**The measure of a man's power is the measure of his surrender. It is not a question of who you are or what you are but whether God controls you.**

Henrietta Mears



## SO WHAT?

- Attitude and action are inseparable when it comes to genuine servanthood.
  - The joy of servanthood is found in the recognition of who you are really serving.
  - There are no insignificant acts if they are intended to honor and glorify God.
  - The true servant realizes that ALL of life is a trust for which they are responsible.
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It is not the possession of extraordinary gifts that makes extraordinary usefulness, but the dedication of what we have to the service of God.

Fredrick William Robertson;  
Encyclopedia or Religious Quotations; Revell



# So WHAT?

- Who do you serve?
  - Who do you *really* serve?
  - How can you make a difference in the lives of the “least of these?”
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