

Gospel Lesson: "Serve to Love, as Jesus Did"

Should Christians wash _____?

1. Leadership and membership in the kingdom of Christ is not for my _____, but for me to _____ other leaders and members in the church by humbly _____ them (7, 12-17, Matthew 20:20-28).
 - a. _____, my master and God, out of _____ for me came to _____ us (1, Matthew 20:28).
 - b. _____ loved and _____ me not by washing away dirt from my feet, but by washing away all my _____ (5-11, 10-11, Revelation 7:14, Acts 22:16).
 - c. Jesus washed away my sins not with _____, but with His _____ (1 John 1:7, Revelation 7:14, Acts 22:16).

2. I, too, should _____ myself, in _____, to _____ His people in the _____ (14-15, 17, Matthew 20:28).
 - a. Love Him and others in the Church because _____ loves them (1, 1 John 4:19).
 - b. Some service in the church almost _____ are able to do.
 - c. Some service in the church involves special _____ I have, though I may not be the _____ most gifted person to do it (1 Corinthians 12, 1 Peter 4:7-11, 1 Corinthians 12, Romans 12:1-8).
 - d. Whatever service in the Church I do should be done to _____ my brothers and sisters here (13:34-35).

3. I was, in my spiritual _____, _____ to serve in the Church.
- a. "Consecrated" = set _____ (_____ and made _____) in order to _____ God and His people in God's _____ (Exodus 29:37, 30:25-29, 40:9).
 - b. In the Old Testament, _____ and Levites were consecrated (made _____, set _____) (Exodus 29:1, 19-21).
 - c. Old Testament priests and Levites were consecrated (cleansed and made holy) so that they could _____ in the _____ of God, the Holy Spirit.
 - 1) The place of the _____ of the Holy Spirit was in God's _____ (Exodus 25:22, Numbers 7:89, 1 Samuel 4:4, Ezekiel 10:4).
 - 2) The priests (and the temple furniture) were consecrated by the _____ of the _____ of sacrificed animals and of _____ oil (Exodus 29:1, 19-21, 30:25-29).
 - d. I and all Christians are consecrated as _____ to serve in the Church (1 Peter 2:9, Romans 12:1-8).
 - 1) My "priestly _____" occurred at my spiritual _____.
 - 2) I was _____ not with _____ for my consecration, but with God's _____ (1 John 2:20, 27, Titus 3:5, Ephesians 1:13-14).
 - 3) I was _____ not with the _____ of a bull and rams for my consecration, but with the blood of _____ (1 Peter 1:2).

Summary: Jesus _____ the people of His Church, and came to _____ them. With Jesus as my example, I, too, should _____ the people of His Church and _____ them in it.