

A Legacy WORTH LEAVING

John 13:3-5 *Jesus, knowing that the Father had given all things into His hands, and that He had come from God and was going to God, rose from supper and laid aside His garments, took a towel and girded Himself. After that, He poured water into a basin and began to wash the disciples' feet, and to wipe them with the towel with which He was girded.*

The Master laid aside His outer garment, knelt, and washed His disciples' feet. This is an incredible act of humility: God, our Creator, washing feet! Even the feet of Judas, who would betray Him in a very short time! Then Christ told them in verse 17 by saying, *"If you know these things, you are blessed, happy, and favored by God if you put them into practice and faithfully continue to do them."*

Washing feet was a common practice in Jesus' day but a task reserved for the servant or employee. However, Christ was fully confident in who He was. He knew His purpose, His origin, and His destiny and could therefore serve (even the one who would betray Him!).

1. **Jesus knew His Divine identity and purpose.**

- A. The natural habitat of a fish is in the water. If you remove a fish from their environment they are "a fish out of water" and will certainly die. In the same way, if we do not ultimately find the environment for which we have been created, we will, in a sense, die to God's purpose for our lives. (Proverbs 29:18)
- B. All of us have a Divine purpose for which we are uniquely created. (Psalms 139:13-18) Do you understand your purpose in His Kingdom?

- "If you can't figure out your purpose, figure out your passion. For your passion will lead you right into your purpose." — T.D. Jakes
- For more on understanding our purpose, go to our Discipleship blog at discipleshipdevelopment.org and click on the "Purpose" tab.

C. *Leave the legacy of knowing who we are in Christ.*

2. **Jesus knew His origin, where He came from.**

- A. God reminded David of his early beginning and said, *"I took you from the pasture, from following the sheep, to be ruler over My people Israel."* (2 Samuel 7:8)
- B. Can we remember what Christ *saved us out of*? If not, we may become like the person who was forgiven of an unpayable debt but extracted a few dollars from someone who owed him money. (Matthew 18:23-35)

C. *Leave the legacy of a humble, forgiving spirit.*

3. **Jesus knew His destiny, where He was going.**

- A. People who live on purpose understand their clearly defined, "marching orders" from The Commander. They impart passion into others and assist them to become who God created them to be.
 - Ordinary people think of spending time. Great people think of using it.
- B. Is Heaven our eternal home? Are we doing all we can to glorify God on this earth before we are called heavenward? If we are called to our eternal home, are we ready in every way?
- C. *Self-survival does not leave a worthwhile legacy. Leave the legacy of confident faith in God.*