

LIFE AT THE BOTTOM OF THE SHIP
PROFILE OF A SERVANT
I Corinthians 4:1-2
Philippians 2:25-30; 17

It was Clair Booth Luce who once said "The life of every great man can be summarized in a single sentence. And that sentence has an action verb at the heart of it."

Jesus beat her to that in **MATTHEW 20:26-27**. "***Whoever wishes to become great among you, shall be your servant, and whoever wishes to be first among you shall be your slave.***"

If you had to look back over your life, and you had to write a single sentence to _____ your life, and be as objective as is humanly possible, what sentence would you write? What would your _____ verb be? The action verb of every Christian should be _____. THE OVERWHELMING _____ OF A CHRISTIAN IN THIS AGE IS ONE OF SERVANT.

I Corinthians 4:1-2 says," Let a man so think of us, as of the Ministers (Slaves) and "Stewards" in Greek is *Oikonomia*. *Oikos* means _____. *Nomos* means _____. This is one who operates the "law of the household." The word we want to focus on is the word _____. It's the word _____. It is a compound word. *Huper* means *Underneath*. The rest of the word, *eretes* is used for an *oarsman* on a boat. This is a person with his hands locked to the oar. The word means *Under-rower* or *Under-oarsman*.

You are sitting in this room today as a part of _____ civilization because of a battle in the _____ that took place in that bay, centuries ago, that you never hear about today. If you want to be biblical, it's the background to that feast that opens the book of _____. It's the reason that feast was called so the Persian king could _____ why they lost that naval battle to the Greeks when they so badly out gunned the Greeks that they should not have stood a chance. You are in this room today as a part of western civilization, instead of being under _____ government and control, because of that battle! THANK GOD THE GREEKS WON!

Why is that important to you? You're a _____, because Western Civilization is toned and shaped by the Christian _____, despite what it's doing today. God didn't save you to make you _____. God didn't save you to make you _____. God saved you to stuff you down in "anonymity" at the _____ of the ship. THIS PERSON DOWN THERE IS A _____. He's not a free man. He's _____ in place and he never leaves the ship

alive! There was a _____ at the front of the ship. The slave's only _____ was to keep his eyes on that Cadence Captain. He had NO _____ of his own, NO _____ of his own, NO _____ of his own, and NO rights of his own. He didn't look at how _____ he was doing in comparison to the others because he didn't even look at them! He only had to keep his _____ on that Captain.

THE _____ of a good man are _____ by the LORD! THE _____ of a good man are OVERCOME by the LORD! BUT IT'S ALL ACCORDING TO _____!

1. Their _____ was determined by somebody else!
2. Their _____ was determined by somebody else!

150 oars on each side of the ship and they're all in _____ together because of their common following of the Captain's call.

3. Their _____ was determined by somebody else! They simply had to _____ the Captain.
4. Their _____ was determined by somebody else! They were committed for life!
5. Their _____ was determined by somebody else! The slaves received NO _____ WHATSOEVER! Only the Captain was _____ to the outside world!

Philippians chapter 2 is about the lead _____ of a servant, which is _____. Humility comes from the Latin word "Humus." It's the word for _____ or *earth*. Humility is certainly not _____ more highly of yourself than you should. But it is _____ not thinking lower of yourself than what is true. Humility is honest _____ about yourself. You simply accept what God says about you to be true.

1. In Vs 1 - 4 you have an EXHORTATION to *humility*.
2. In Vs 12 - 16 you have the EXERCISE of *humility*.
3. In Vs 5 - 8 and 17 thru the end of the chapter you have _____ of *humility*. Jesus knew HE didn't have to *hoard* HIS _____ with GOD because HE was so certain of it HE could even make it expendable.

That's the _____ of what a Christian is to be!

Lessons For Our Lives:

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