

“anyone who wants to be great among you must be your servant”

There are very confused notions about the nature of Christian service. That somehow it is a sacrifice of happiness on the part of the disciple. That in order to be a practitioner of this thinking, the good of self must be neglected.

This is non sense

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Our belief is that it is in following the person and nature of Jesus Christ we find actual joy. Real dignity. In truth the way to satisfaction.

Our Lord Jesus Christ in the love of the Father sacrificed all for the sake of other.

Christ gave all

That is our example

Thus

“anyone who wants to be great among you must be your servant”

It is in the humility of that service that we see the greatest consequence

It is in that reality that contentment is found

Too often have I heard parents discuss their children with a pride that has moved beyond the healthy. Too often have I observed a children’s football match, with youngsters screamed at by fathers who never quite made it in his own soccer careers.

Too often has aspiration been corrupted and turned into pure ambition.

Too often has love been corrupted and turned into pure possession

Where the child justifies the decisions of the parent

Where the untruth is proclaimed

“That I did all this, for you”

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The Christian parent is the servant

Facilitating

The child’s discovery of what they want to be

Not the expression of the parental desire

Christ gave all

In this freedom there is the potential for joy

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Too often have I heard politicians referred to as “they”. As if I did not have a vote. As if I had no personal responsibility. If you are above the age of 18 you are a politician. You are they.

Too often this mutual responsibility has been corrupted into self-preservation

Too often the pragmatism needed to change has been destroyed by fear and ignorance

Where those with something to lose choose ignorance

Where the comfort of that ignorance is excused by the scapegoating of those in ministry’s, or civil servants

Where mutual laziness permits sleaze

Where the untruth is proclaimed

“They are just in it for themselves”

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Each Christian is the servant

Facilitating

Taking responsibility in our society

All that is needed for evil to thrive is that good people do nothing.

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Too often have I heard that the attempt cannot be made. As if the possibility of failure overpowered all hope.

Too often this lack of self-belief has corrupted the gifts that God has given us

Too often have we refused God's call to try, fearing the ridicule of a pagan world. On Facebook.

Where those who are different can only be defiant

Where an act is perceived as justification, and not celebration

Where art, poetry, cooking, mountain climbing, dancing, singing, I don't know embroidery, can only be for others.

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"That this is not for the likes of us"

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Prepared to risk all in this giving of life

Prepared to be a fool.

A fool for Christ

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It is in that dangerous reality that contentment is to be found

It is amusing to discover

That trusting in God does not

Remove the challenge

It refines that challenge

And creates joy

