

John 13:5

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.

I am part of a Men's Friday night weekly bible study in our church, and we are going through the book of John. This last week we started in John chapter 13. In the first part of chapter 13, this is where Jesus washed the feet of the disciples. Now this is something that we as a Christian church do not practice, because it's not anywhere else in the New Testament where we see this being practiced. We do read of the Lord Supper being practiced as well as baptism, but not feet washing. But there are those special times that it does happen, but it's just not the norm in Christian churches.

But as we were reading about this, I looked up and there were about a dozen of us guys sitting in a circle, and I thought, "*I wonder if Jesus was here right now and started to wash our feet, how would we react?*" Then I almost had to laugh, because I realized that now a days if this were to occur, that I could see guys pulling out their phones and taking pictures as Jesus washed the feet of each man, and some would even do videos, and others would want selfies taken with Jesus. Then they would post the pictures and videos on social media, bragging about how they were the privileged few who's feet Jesus washed.

Then I started to think why miracles do not seem to happen today like they did in the early church, because we do not see it happening that much here in the USA, but it does happen in other countries. Then I started thinking that the reason maybe that it's because they are not into taking pictures and not having that "look at me" attitude. So the Spirit is allowed to work in their lives, because of the humble lifestyle that they live.

But not for us, because for us, one of the biggest issues that we have is PRIDE. No I am not talking Pride Month, but the sin of pride, which really has nothing to do with a gay lifestyle, but rather is all about, "look at me," and "it's all about me." (Which Pride month is all about anyway.)

But when we read the bible, we read of how the Holy Spirit always pointed to Jesus, and Jesus always pointed to God. But it seems we have lost that today with the worldly mentality of, "*Yea, I want to glorify God, but what am I gonna get out of it too?*"

We know Jesus said:

† **Matthew 6:33** *But seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things shall be added to you.*

But has our mindset been changed to think of this backwards, where we think, “*Let these things be added to me first, then I will glorify God and His Kingdom*” But even in what Jesus said, what if we took out “*the kingdom of God*” it would read as “*But seek first His righteousness*” Not self-righteousness, but God’s Righteousness, because the bible says to, “*Humble yourselves in the sight of the Lord, and He will lift you up.*” **James 4:10**

Jesus also taught us to:

† **Matthew 6:3-4 & 6** *But when you do a charitable deed, do not let your left hand know what your right hand is doing, that your charitable deed may be in secret; and your Father who sees in secret will Himself reward you openly. But you, when you pray, go into your room, and when you have shut your door, pray to your Father who is in the secret place; and your Father who sees in secret will reward you openly.*

What if we as a church, and as those who want to be more like Jesus, actually started to practice what Jesus just taught us again, instead of posting on social media or advertising to everyone what we did. What if we did things in secret, so that the Father would be glorified.

† **John 15:8** *By this My Father is glorified, that you bear much fruit; so you will be My disciples.*

† **Jude 1:24 (NLT2)** *Now all glory to God, who is able to keep you from falling away and will bring you with great joy into his glorious presence without a single fault.*