

# FOUR MARKS OF SERVANTHOOD

The Acts of the Apostles - Part 40

Acts 18:18-19:7

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Matthew 20:20-28

*“And Paul, having remained many days longer, took leave of the brethren and put out to sea for Syria, and with him were Priscilla and Aquila. In Cenchrea he had his hair cut, for he was keeping a vow.” Acts 18:18 (NASB)*

1. In a true servant, there is \_\_\_\_\_ that is never \_\_\_\_\_ and is marked by a periodic \_\_\_\_\_ to God.

### Three things of a Nazarite vow:

1. The \_\_\_\_\_ of certain types of \_\_\_\_\_.
2. The \_\_\_\_\_ from any \_\_\_\_\_ beverages.
3. You did not get a \_\_\_\_\_.

2. In a true servant, there is no \_\_\_\_\_ or \_\_\_\_\_ and one does not view themselves as \_\_\_\_\_.

*“And they came to Ephesus, and he left them there. Now he himself entered the synagogue and reasoned with the Jews. And when they asked him to stay for a longer time, he did not consent...” Acts 18:19-20 (NASB)*

*“Now a certain Jew named Apollos, an Alexandrian by birth, an eloquent man, came to Ephesus; and he was mighty in the Scriptures. This man had been instructed in the way of the Lord; and being fervent in spirit, he was speaking and teaching accurately*

*the things concerning Jesus, being acquainted only with the baptism of John; and he began to speak out boldly in the synagogue. But when Priscilla and Aquila heard him, they took him aside and explained to him the way of God more accurately.”*

Acts 18:24-26 (NASB)

*“What then is Apollos? And what is Paul? Servants through whom you believed, even as the Lord gave opportunity to each one. I planted, Apollos watered, but God was causing the growth.”* 1 Corinthians 3:5-6 (NASB)

*“So who is Apollos really? Or Paul for that matter? We are only servants, agents who led you to faith, and the Lord commissioned each of us to do a particular job. My job was to plant the seed, and Apollos was called to water it. Any growth comes from God...”* (The Voice)

### 3. A true servant can handle \_\_\_\_\_.

*“...but taking leave from them and saying, ‘I will return to you again if God wills,’ he set sail from Ephesus. And when he had landed in Caesarea, he went up and greeted the church, and went down to Antioch.”* Acts 18:21-22 (NASB)

*“And having spent some time there, he departed and passed successively through the Galatian region and Phrygia, strengthening all the disciples.”* Acts 18:23 (NASB)

*“Let another praise you, and not your own mouth; someone else, and not your own lips.”* Proverbs 27:2 (NIV)

*“The crucible for silver and the furnace for gold, but man is tested by the praise he receives.”* Proverbs 27:21 (NIV)

### 4. A true servant is one who is willing to work \_\_\_\_\_ the \_\_\_\_\_.

*“And when he wanted to go across to Achaia, the brethren encouraged him and wrote to the disciples to welcome him; and when he had arrived, he helped greatly those who had believed through grace; for he powerfully refuted the Jews in public, demonstrating by the Scriptures that Jesus was the Christ.”*

Acts 18:27-28 (NASB)

*“And it came about that while Apollos was at Corinth, Paul having passed through the upper country came to Ephesus, and found some disciples, and he said to them, ‘Did you receive the Holy Spirit when you believed?’ And they said to him, ‘No, we have not even heard whether there is a Holy Spirit.’”*

Acts 19:1-2 (NASB)

*“And there were in all about twelve men.”* Acts 19:7 (NASB)

### Three things in conclusion:

- We have to \_\_\_\_\_ the \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_ the \_\_\_\_\_ view of \_\_\_\_\_.
- We have to keep the \_\_\_\_\_ in focus, rather than just a \_\_\_\_\_ of it.
- We have to start \_\_\_\_\_ the importance of being a \_\_\_\_\_.