

Engage in Servanthood

1 Corinthians 4:1

Football season is beginning and coming into full steam from pros down to the peewee level. I have a question: Can you see servanthood in a football game? I sure do every single snap of the ball. You may be thinking I'm crazy, but I do. Sure, many players that come to mind and are idolized by many have the same selfish trait about them. Honestly, to be a successful corner, receiver, or quarterback, it helps if you believe you're the best at your position. Those however are not the ones I see as emulating servanthood. No, it's the offensive line. Offensive linemen are servants who facilitate the success of others. Linemen find pleasure in helping others achieve success and then celebrate that success together. Linemen take ownership in every single snap but don't want the credit. They don't do it for recognition of themselves but rather for the success of another. Linemen display a humility the world can learn from. It reminds me of a verse from 1 Corinthians.

Paul's message to the Corinthians was clear and profound: They should regard him, Apollos, and other ministers not as supreme leaders but as humble servants of Christ. This view reframes their roles not as ultimate authorities but as faithful stewards entrusted with God's teachings. They labor not for their glory but for the glory of God, spreading the gospel of Christ and serving His people with unwavering dedication. This is a call for humility, a reminder that every role within the church is ultimately a form of service to Christ.

1 Corinthians 4:1 *"Let a man regard us in this manner, as servants of Christ and stewards of the mysteries of God."* NASB

Embracing our unique role as servants of Christ can be challenging; it requires us to set aside our desires and focus on the needs of others. We are all called to demonstrate the love of Christ through our actions and words, showing kindness, mercy, and compassion in every interaction. This is not a journey we undertake alone, however. We have the assurance of God's unending support, and through prayer and reflection, we can draw on His strength to guide us. As we grow in faith and maturity, we will find untold joy and fulfillment in serving others. It's a transformative journey that shapes us in the image of Christ, bringing light to the world and glory to our Heavenly Father.