

**Developing True Humility**

-Jesus’ path of servanthood-

John 13:1-17

*Develop humility by accepting divine authority*(vs. 1-3)

* Authority over circumstances: Jesus knows his hour is at hand (1a)
* Authority over mankind: Jesus loves his own to the end (1b)
* Authority over the devil: Jesus knows the devil has devised his plan (2)
* Submission to the Father’s authority: Jesus knows his authority, his origin, and his destination (3)

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*He knows his hour He loves his own He knows the devil He knows his authority,*

*is at hand to the end has devised his plan his origin, and his destination*



**Jesus has all these matters in his mind as he rises to wash his disciples’ feet**

*Develop humility by receiving God’s means for forgiveness of sin* (vs. 4-11)

“We rather shrink from this revelation. We are ready, perhaps, to be humble before God; but we do not want Him to be humble in His dealings with us. We should like Him, who has the right, to glory in His goodness and greatness; then we, as we pass from His presence, may be entitled to pride ourselves on such achievements as distinguish us above other men. . . . man’s humility does not begin with the giving of service; it begins with the readiness to receive it. For there can be much pride and condescension in our giving of service.”

**William Temple**

*Develop humility by imitating Christ’s condescending service to other Christians* (vs. 12-17)

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