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MESSAGE NOTES
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Become – Sons or Servants

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The basic difference between a son and a servant is ownership.

Philippians 2:19-22

But I trust in the Lord Jesus to send Timothy to you shortly, that I may also be encouraged when I know your state. For I have no one like-minded, who will sincerely care for your state. For all seek their own, not the things which are of Christ Jesus. But you know his proven character, that as a son with his father he served with me in the gospel.

8 Characteristics of Spiritual Sons and Daughters

1. Sons build the house. Servants fulfill a duty.
2. A son sees that his father's success is his success.

Luke 16:12 – Jesus said,

"And if you have not been faithful in what is another man's, who will give you what is your own?"

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3. Sons speak for the family. Servants speak for themselves.

4. Sons honor leadership. Servants have no commitment to honor.

Genesis 9:20-23

And Noah began to be a farmer, and he planted a vineyard. Then he drank of the wine and was drunk, and became uncovered in his tent. And Ham, the father of Canaan, saw the nakedness of his father, and told his two brothers outside. But Shem and Japheth took a garment, laid it on both their shoulders, and went backward and covered the nakedness of their father. Their faces were turned away, and they did not see their father's nakedness.

Psalms 127:5

They shall not be ashamed, but shall speak with their enemies in the gate.

5. Sons build allegiance to the family. Servants build allegiance to themselves.

6. Sons are transparent. Servants share only what they want you to know.

John 15:15 – Jesus said,

"No longer do I call you servants, for a servant does not know what his master is doing; but I have called you friends, for all things that I heard from My Father I have made known to you."

7. Sons are secure and can handle correction, discipline, and change. Servants blame other people.

Hebrews 12:7

If you endure chastening, God deals with you as with sons; for what son is there whom a father does not chasten?

For many people, when you make any attempt at sharpening the gift of God in their lives, they're GONE. Why? Because they receive their esteem from their gift, it's hard to have someone else sharpen it.

8. Sons come with great potential. Servants come fully grown.