

who serves” tends to epitomize that standard. God, it seems, is not so much impressed with the things that impress us: big reputations, extensive resumes, etc., but does honor values in humility, integrity, holiness, etc. We need to read the words cited in Mark 10 and see ourselves as servants and, in the course of time, allow God to “exalt us” as Peter says.

C. We submit to God’s care 1 Peter 5:6-7

Certainly there are many things we are told to do and many abilities are entrusted to us. Yielding to God’s care does not make us lazy or inept. It simply means that we can trust Him with our burdens and can live in simple dependence on Him day by day. But when we come to serve we do not do it as masters or great people, we simply do it as the servants of God in the positions He has given us. We use our talents and gifts but we do not imagine that we have made them ourselves or that no one else has such ability as we have. We thank God for everything and always remember that we do not have anything that was not give us...and so, since all is given to us, there is no room for boasting in the possessions.

III. Conclusion: We are all able to serve better when we wear the right uniform...garments of humility. We get on better with others and more faithfully represent the Lord who has given us life. But pride and personal boastfulness make poor garments in which to seek to serve or to honor the Lord. So if you need to print up a business card for yourself, that is fine, but make sure it is honest and keeps all things in proper perspective.

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MESSAGE # 3: AS YOU GO TO WITNESS; TAKE THE ARMOR OF GOD

Biblical passage: Ephesians 6:10-20

I. Introduction to the Study

It is true, I think, that our whole lives should be matters of witnessing and testimony. A church near us had a sign that read: “Preach the Gospel at all times. Use words if necessary” I am not very good at