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Possibility thinking has to do with possibilities to serve, to give, to contribute, to make a difference, to make our world a better place. Only such an attitude is worthy of our consideration. To follow Christ means to serve, and Jesus plainly stated that service is not only a commandment – it is the only way for us to become great as human beings.

"Whoever desires to become great among you shall be your servant" (Mark 10:43).

Jesus Himself was the greatest servant. The Bible shows us in John 13 how He humbled Himself and washed the feet of the disciples, giving us one of the best examples of how true possibility thinkers think and act. Can we learn something from Him? Certainly! Every time this story comes to my mind, I am reminded of the profound truth:

Possibility thinkers serve out of their inner awareness.

"Jesus, knowing that the Father had given all things into His hands, and that He had come from God and was going to God..." (John 13:3), says the Scripture.

Possibility thinkers serve out of their awareness of who they are.

We are like Jesus. We came from God, and we are going to God, because we belong to God. We all are sons and daughters of God, and there are no exceptions. True Christian life starts for us the moment we come to an understanding of this fact.

Do we realize our position in God's eyes? What value do we attach to it? Do we treasure our relationships with the

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Father above all else, like Jesus did, or, perhaps, they seem to be a secondary thing for us? It is easy to know. We just need to ask ourselves some additional questions: Can we be manipulated by praise or blame of others? Do we strive for outward acceptance and recognition? To a degree people allow it to happen in their life, they lack true realization of who they are. Jesus was able to say, "I do not receive honor from men" (John 5:41) not because He was haughty, but because He was totally secure in His union with the Father.

Possibility thinkers serve out of an abundance of their resources.

"Jesus, knowing that the Father had given all things into His hands..." (John 13:3).

You won't be able to give much if you believe that there is a some kind of void or lack in your life. And the truth is that, no matter how you feel, or how you've been taught, there is an abundance in you and all around you. Abundance! Think about it. Believe in it. Declare it as often as you can. It is the only way how you can bring it into visible manifestation.

This life and all that it contains belong to us. All things are ours – to appreciate and to use for our good, and for the good of others.

"All things are yours: whether Paul or Apollos or Cephas, or the world or life or death, or things present or things to come – all are yours" (1 Corinthians 3:21–22).

This is not a beautiful metaphor, and not even a promise. This is a fact, and our inner eyes need to be open to see it. All manifestations of lack are abnormal, and their root is a wrong perception.

Possibility thinkers serve out of awareness that their hour had come.

"Jesus knew that His hour had come" (John 13:1).

"My food is to do the will of Him who sent me and to finish His work. Do you not say, there are still four months and then comes the harvest? Behold, I say to you, lift up your eyes and look at the fields, for they are already white for harvest!" (John 4:34–35)

Possibility thinkers know that there is no need to wait for anything. All the resources are given to them here and now. All the opportunities are presented to them here and now. The call of God within their hearts prompts them to act here and now, dedicating themselves to the reasonable service and to using of their gifts. To a degree they are obedient to this call, they become great.

Affirm:

My service is an act of self–realization, based on my self–awareness.

My service is an expression of my divine nature, the Christ within me.

My service is a free gift to the world, not an obligation.

My service is a seed of my fulfillment.

My service makes me truly great.

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Difficult Situation as a Present?

By Catherine Pulsifer

When all seems to be doom and gloom, there are still positive possibilities; you just have to look for them. Too often, we only see the negatives.

Learn to look at every difficult situation as a present; the gift within is the possibilities it holds. For example, a couple buys a rundown house. They see the house as it could be, not as it is. What they see is the "possibility".

Or, you may lose your job. The "possibility" is you can focus your full energy on changing careers, or finding a job in an area you've always wanted.

If you focus on the possible when you experience difficult situations you can positively change your outlook, reduce your stress, and concentrate on achieving things that otherwise may not have been possible.

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