

# Evening Lesson

## WHOSE SHOES DO YOU SHINE?

John 13:14

### INTRO:

1. Illus.: Abraham Lincoln shining his own shoes.
2. In the minds of many, menial tasks and high positions do not go together.
3. We seem to think some people are too good for some jobs.
4. Jesus contradicted the popular view when he washed the disciples' feet.

**I. IF A PERSON WON'T LET ME SERVE THEM, OUR RELATIONSHIP IS NOT AS CLOSE AS I MAY HAVE THOUGHT. John 13:8**

**II. AFTER DECIDING TO RECEIVE SERVICE, THERE ARE THOSE WHO WANT MORE THAN WE CAN OR ARE WILLING TO GIVE. John 13:9, 10**

**III. A PERSON DOESN'T HAVE TO BE 99-44/100% PURE FOR US TO SERVE THEM. John 13:11**

**IV. YOU AND I ARE TEACHERS BY WHAT WE DO AND/OR WHAT WE REFUSE TO DO.**

A. Jesus was teaching the way to greatness that he had spoken of on other occasions. **John 13:12-15; Matt.20:25-28**

B. Our children, brethren, and others are being taught by our example of service.

**V. HAPPINESS COMES NOT FROM JUST KNOWING WHAT WE OUGHT TO DO, BUT FROM DOING WHAT WE KNOW IS RIGHT. John 13:17**

### CONC:

1. Have we done any foot washing (serving) lately?
2. It is easier for me to get up in the pulpit and talk about what we "ought to be doing" than it is to go to the people in need and do it!
3. Whose shoes do you shine?