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Outline

"I no longer call you servants, because a servant does not know his master's business. Instead, I have called you friends, for everything that I learned from my Father I have made known to you." John 15:15

I. A Slave Mentality.

"They devour widow's houses and for a show make lengthy prayers." Mark 12:40

"And when you pray, do not keep on babbling like pagans, for they think they will be heard because of their many words." Matthew 6:7

II. A Friendship Mentality.

"I no longer call you slaves...I have called you friends." (vs. 15)

1. Friends look forward to talking to each other.

2. Friends speak to each other frequently.

"pray continually." I Thessalonians 5:17

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3. Friends do not view the conversation in terms of time but in terms of the heart.

*"Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
¹⁰ your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
¹¹ Give us today our daily bread.
¹² And forgive us our debts,
as we also have forgiven our debtors.
¹³ And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from the evil one. Matthew 6:9-13*

*"These people honor me with their lips,
but their hearts are far from me.
They worship me in vain;
their teachings are merely human rules." Mark 7:6-7*

4. Friends speak very honestly and sometimes very frankly. They aren't guarded with their words.

5. Friends also listen.

"While they were worshipping the Lord and fasting, the Holy Spirit said, 'Set apart for me Barnabas and Saul for the work to which I have called them.' So after they had fasted and prayed, they placed their hands on them and sent them off." Acts 13:2-3

"my sheep recognize my voice." John 10:27