



# Seriousness of a servant

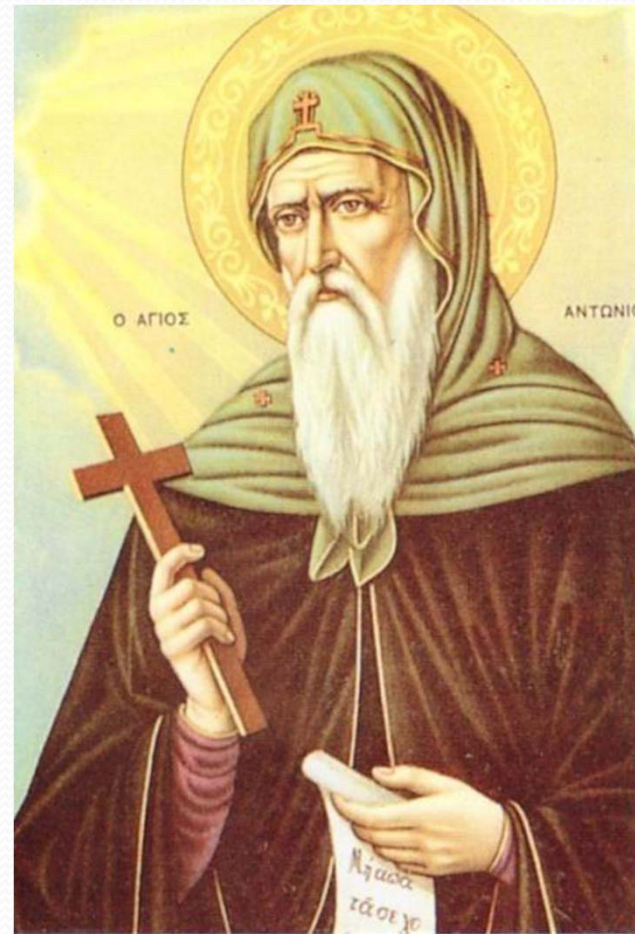
- Who was serious in his service?
- From the saints lives.....and from the holy bible
- 1-st.paul the apostle
- 2-the great st.anthony
- 3-st.peter
- 4-pope.shenouda III
- 5-st.Anba Misael

# What did St. Paul say ?

- “2cor 11:25-27” From the Jews five times I received forty *stripes* minus one.
- Three times I was beaten with rods; once I was stoned; three times I was shipwrecked; a night and a day I have been in the deep; <sup>26</sup> *in* journeys often, *in* perils of waters, *in* perils of robbers, *in* perils of *my* own countrymen, *in* perils of the Gentiles, *in* perils in the city, *in* perils in the wilderness, *in* perils in the sea, *in* perils among false brethren; <sup>27</sup> in weariness and toil, in sleeplessness often, in hunger and thirst, in fastings often, in cold and nakedness—



# St.paul and the greatst.anthony





# St. anthony the great

- What did he hear that made him change his life?
- “MT 19:21”
- If you want to be perfect go sell what you have and give to the poor and you will have a treasure in heaven and come and follow me”.
- The devils were attacking him all the time they were cutting him and he was in severe pain that he lays on the ground and pray.



# Pope shenouda III

- HE WHO IS SERIOUS IS LIKE A GREAT SHIP SAILING VIGOROUSLY IN THE SEA OF LIFE TOWARDS ITS GOAL
- SO I MUST HAVE A GOAL AND BE SERIOUS ABOUT IT.



# What are the qualities of serious servant?

- *1-Faithful servant*

- Who is the great example in the old testament for a faithful one....he always says hader ya rab ...without any argument or I don't agree...or but....no question ask.???


- Faithfulness means that someone is doing their service correctly & giving the glory to God, instead of to themselves, "*Who then is a faithful and wise servant, whom his master made ruler over his household, to give them food in due season?*"(MT.24:45)





## 2-obedient

- Obedience, like humility
- Obedience is the key to God's heart.
- And the bible says for 'God resists the proud, but gives grace to the humble.'
- Obey God's commandments all the times and everywhere
- Examples: moses,  
The people of Nineveh took the prophet Jonah's words seriously. They believed that what he was saying was true....and obeyed him.
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- St. John the short obeyed his father and planted a stick....and it became a fruitful tree.



# 3-nothing affects him

- Noah ....when he was building the ark people were laughing at him...making fun of him
- Job



# 4-no excuses

- Daniel the prophet
- All martyrs didn't bow down to the idols....
- No excuse for fasting..the whole church is fasting and we don't...how also we keep saying Iam busy or I got pushed ..drinking. or smoking...







## 5 Commitment and Dedication:

- Proverbs 26:13 it states, "The slothful man saith, there is a lion in the way; a lion is in the streets."
- Jeremiah 48:10 tells us, "Cursed is he who does the work of the Lord with slackness"
- "Remember that the Lord cursed the man who buried his talents."
- To come early to church in liturgy, classes, meetings....when I learn to do everything right I will earn god's love, and people respect
- I can't run late to work so why in the church??

## 6-repentance

- St.Moses the strong was a leader of thieves but when he repented he did it from his heart
- St.Mary the egyptian she got stopped from entering the church ...she cried to ST.Mary then she was for 47 years crying to repent in the dessert.





# 7-He grows spritiually

- How we grow spritiually
- 1-puts forth effort
- 2-submit his life to God
- 3-sacrifice to get results
- As people who every new year has new resolution for losing weight....read bible more.....





## 8-Good steward

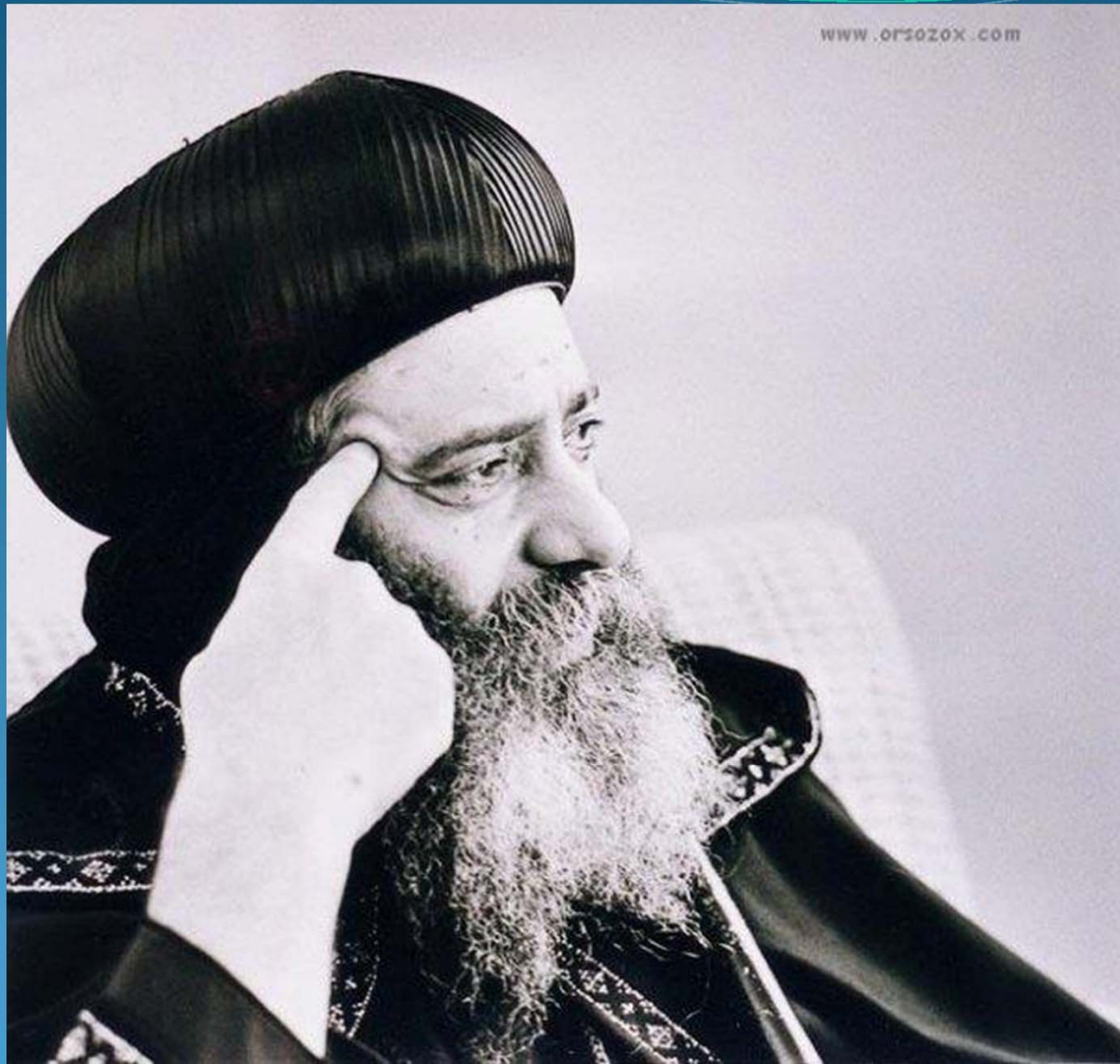
- Can manage his time very well and knew as the bible said” for what is your life? It is just a vapor that appears for a little time then vanishes away” (James 4:14)
- "Do not let an hour pass by without having God in your thought, even by a short prayer or a contemplation"  
Pope Shenouda





## 9-He is consistent

- No one saying I am climbing the mountain and still standing in the same spot...he keeps doing same things over and over to get improvement
- No one enter the olympics without good training
- Same for the spritiual life if you don't feed your spirit it goes to sleep...









## **Always Remember**

- Remember your weakness, then you will be more cautious and you will not submit to the thoughts of pride and false glory which may attack you.
- Remember the loving kindness of the Lord bestowed on you, and you will always lead a life of thanksgiving. Faith will grow in your heart as well as the trust in God's love and work. Your past experiences with God would encourage you in the life of faith.
- Remember death, So all worldly temptations will disappear and you feel that, "all is vanity and grasping for the wind. " (Eccl. 1:14).

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- Remember that you are standing before God and He is looking at you, then you cannot sin because you see Him.
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- Remember that the narrow gate leads to the kingdom of heaven. If you see the wide gate open before you, escape and keep away from it, as all those who went in by it, they all perished.
  - Remember your eternity and work for it at all times.
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