

Serving...For The Purpose Of Godliness

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Central Idea

- “To serve the Lord with gladness is every Christian’s commission.”
- “Every believer in Christ is gifted to serve, with the goal of being more like Jesus by means of humbly serving others.”

Serving

- What comes to mind when you think of a servant?
- What does it mean to be a servant of Christ and His kingdom? How is this different from first question?
- Why is serving (as a discipline) so difficult? Does the lack of appreciation or recognition keep us from serving? Why or why not?

Serving

- “If we don’t discipline ourselves to serve for the sake of Christ and His kingdom and for the purpose of godliness, we’ll “serve” only occasionally or when it’s convenient or self-serving.”

Every Christian Is Expected To Serve

- Motivated by Obedience (Deuteronomy 13:4)
- Motivated by Gratitude (1 Samuel 12:24)
- Motivated by Gladness (Psalm 100:2)
- Motivated by Forgiveness, Not Guilt (Is. 6:6-8)
- Motivated by Humility (John 13:12-16)
- Motivated by Love (Galatians 5:13)

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- “The child of God works not for life, but from life; he doesn’t not work to be saved, he works because he is saved.” (C.H. Spurgeon, 1867)
- What does this quote mean?
- How important is it to serve from (out of) our relationship with Christ as those saved?

Every Christian Is Gifted To Serve

- 1 Corinthians 12:4-11, 27-31. (*Who empowers and gives these gifts?*)
- Ephesians 4:7-13. (*What are the purposes for gifts according to these verses?*)
- 1 Peter 4:10-11. (*What does Peter teach us about gifts?*)

Application: Six Motives For Serving

- Your desire to obey Him
- Your gratitude for what He has done for you
- Your willingness to serve Him gladly
- Your joy at being forgiven
- Your desire to learn humility
- Your love for Him and your desire to love others