

The Habit of Serving
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Colossians 3:23-24 and Psalm 100:1-5

To serve:

Diakoneos serve: literally ‘kicking up dust” because of being on the move.

The word serve is a verb therefore, it is an action.

Francis Chan has said, “Our greatest fear should not be of failure but of succeeding at things in life that don't really matter.”

But he who is greatest among you shall be your servant.

Matthew 23:11

And whatever you do, do it heartily, as to the Lord and not to men,²⁴ knowing that from the Lord you will receive the reward of the inheritance; for you serve the Lord Christ.²⁵ But he who does wrong will be repaid for what he has done, and there is not partiality.

Colossians 3:23-24

Make a joyful shout to the LORD, all you lands! ²Serve the LORD with gladness; Come before His presence with singing. ³Know that the LORD, He is God; It is He who has made us, and not we ourselves; we are His people and the sheep of His pasture. ⁴Enter into His gates with thanksgiving, And into His courts with praise. Be thankful to Him, and bless His name. ⁵For the LORD is good; His mercy is everlasting, and His truth endures to all generations.

Psalm 100

Do I have a desire to serve the Lord? What is my motive? Is it of God or something else?

But God be thanked that though you were slaves of sin, yet you obeyed from the heart that form of doctrine to which you were delivered.¹⁸ And having been set free from sin, you became slaves of righteousness.

Romans 6:17-18

What does God desire?

Now it happened as they went that He entered a certain village; and a certain woman named Martha welcomed Him into her house. ³⁹And she had a sister called Mary, who also sat at Jesus' feet and heard His word. ⁴⁰But Martha was distracted with much serving, and she approached Him and said, “Lord, do You not care that my sister has left me to serve alone? Therefore tell her to help me.” ⁴¹And Jesus answered and said to her, “Martha, Martha, you are worried and troubled about many things. ⁴²But one thing is needed, and Mary has chosen that good part, which will not be taken away from her.”

Luke 10:38-42

Jesus washed the disciple's feet: For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give His life a ransom for many.

Mark 10:45

Jesus also got tired (remember He slept in the boat), but His life was about serving.

I must first be walking with Jesus daily to serve in the right mindset and obedience. It must be “first things first”. My heart must be with the Lord before it can lead others.

When we serve the way God desires here is what happens:

1) Obedience.

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For as the body is one and has many members, but all the members of that one body, being many, are one body, so also is Christ. ¹³ For by one Spirit we were all baptized into one body—whether Jews or Greeks, whether slaves or free—and have all been made to drink into^[c] one Spirit. ¹⁴ For in fact the body is not one member but many.

1 Corinthians 12:12-14

Delayed obedience is disobedience.

FIRST serve the Lord, THEN, How can I serve my:

- Spouse
- Kids
- God's Church
- Job
- etc.?

2) Fellowship with the Lord (serving Him).

"You shall love the LORD your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind." ³⁸ This is the first and great commandment

Matthew 22:37

3) By default I am blessed.

I have shown you in every way, by laboring like this, that you must support the weak. And remember the words of the Lord Jesus, that He said, 'It is more blessed to give than to receive.' Acts 20:35

4) Others are blessed.

Jesus' healings, Phillip and the Ethiopian Eunuch, Paul just to name a few

5) Unintended consequences.

Do not forget to entertain strangers, for by so doing some have unwittingly entertained angels.

Hebrews 13:2

FCA: Future Christian Athletes

GNC: Good News Club

There is no retirement age in the Kingdom of God!

Prayer Focus:

- I would begin regularly serving the Lord first, in time, with Him.
- I would serve the Lord by serving my spouse and family.
- I would serve the Lord by serving my Church.