

# Holy Habits

## Part 5: Saved to Serve

Romans 12:1-8 (NKJV)

I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that you present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable to God, which is your reasonable service. And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, that you may prove what is that good and acceptable and perfect will of God. For I say, through the grace given to me, to everyone who is among you, not to think of himself more highly than he ought to think, but to think soberly, as God has dealt to each one a measure of faith. For as we have many members in one body, but all the members do not have the same function, so we, being many, are one body in Christ, and individually members of one another. Having then gifts differing according to the grace that is given to us, let us use them: if prophecy, let us prophesy in proportion to our faith; or ministry, let us use it in our ministering; he who teaches, in teaching; he who exhorts, in exhortation; he who gives, with liberality; he who leads, with diligence; he who shows mercy, with cheerfulness.

### **Key Truths About Service:**

Jeremiah 1:5 (NCV)

"Before I made you in your mother's womb, I chose you. Before you were born I set you apart for a special work."

#### **1. God CREATED me for service.**

Ephesians 2:10 (NIV)

For we are God's workmanship, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do.

#### **2. God has CHOSEN me for service.**

2 Timothy 1:9 (LB)

It is He who saved us and chose us for His holy work, not because we deserved it but because that was His plan long before the world began.

### **3. God has GIFTED me for service.**

1 Peter 4:10 (NLT)

God has given gifts to each of you from His great variety of spiritual gifts. Manage them well so that God's generosity can flow through you.

### **4. God holds me ACCOUNTABLE for service.**

Romans 14:12 (NLT)

Yes, each of us will have to give a personal account to God.

### **Some Great Excuses for Not Serving**

Exodus 4:10, 13 (NIV)

Moses said to the Lord, "O Lord, I have never been eloquent, neither in the past nor since you have spoken to your servant. I am slow of speech and tongue..." Moses said, "O Lord, please send someone else to do it."

**1. First Excuse: I'm TOO BUSY; Real Issue - SELF-CENTEREDNESS**

**2. Second Excuse: I'm not GOOD ENOUGH; Real Issue - SELF-DOUBT**

**3. Third Excuse: I have OTHER PRIORITIES; Real Issue - SELFISHNESS**

### **Responding to God's Call to Service**

Matthew 20:28 (LB)

"Your attitude must be like my Own, for I did not come to be served, but to serve..."

**1. Discover and develop the GIFTS and PASSION God has given you.**

1 Peter 4:10 (NLT)

God has given gifts to each of you from His great variety of spiritual gifts. Manage them well so that God's generosity can flow through.

**2. Be willing to SERVE NOW, don't wait for PERFECT CONDITIONS**

Ecclesiastes 11:4 (LB)

If you wait for perfect conditions, you'll never get anything done.

**3. Realize that serving is the ROAD to GLORY and the PATH to GREATNESS.**

Matthew 20:26-28 (NIV)

“Whoever wants to become great among you must be your servant, and whoever wants to be first must be your slave— just as the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many.”

**Closing: If you sit and soak without serving you will SIN & SOUR and not MATURE**

James 2:17 (NIV)

Even so faith, if it has no works, is dead...