

The Heart of Service

Shout joyfully to the Lord, all the earth. Serve the Lord with gladness; Come before Him with joyful singing. Know that the Lord Himself is God; it is He who has made us, and not we ourselves; We are His people and the sheep of His pasture. Enter His gates with thanksgiving and His courts with praise. Give thanks to Him, bless His name. For the Lord is good; His lovingkindness is everlasting and His faithfulness to all generations.


Psalms 100

Every Christians is Expected to Serve

- How much more will the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered Himself without blemish to God, cleanse your conscience from dead works to **serve** the living God? – Hebrews 9:14
- For God is not unjust so as to overlook your work and the love you have shown for his name in **serving** the saints, as you still do. (Heb. 6:10)

Motivated by Obedience

- You should follow the Lord your God and fear Him; and you shall keep His commandments, listen to His voice, **serve Him**; and cling to Him. (Deut. 13:4)
- Whatever you do, do your work heartily. As for the Lord rather than for men. Knowing that from the Lord you will receive the reward of the inheritance. It is the Lord Christ whom you **serve**. (Col. 3:23-24)
- Any true Christian would say that he or she wants to obey God. But we disobey God when we are not serving Him. Not to serve God is sinful!

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- Confident of your **obedience**, I write to you, knowing that you will do even more than I say. (Philemon 1:21)
 - Paul shares in Romans 15 how he will only boast in the things that Christ has accomplished through him, resulting in the obedience of the Gentiles by word and deed.

- ‘Hupokuo’ is the Greek word for Obedience and it means to obey, listen or heed, it can be literally translated as “listening under” or hearing as a subordinate. It implies attentive hearing that leads to action, often used for children obeying parents, or in the context of obeying Christ, the Gospel, or authority.
- Matthew 8:27 – The winds and the sea obey him!
- Ephesians 6:1 – Children obey your parents, in the Lord.
- Romans 6:17 – Obeying from the heart the form of doctrine.

Motivated by Gratitude

- But be sure to fear the Lord and serve Him faithfully with all your heart; consider what great things he has done for you. (1 Sam. 12:24)
- Let the peace of God rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in one body; and be **thankful**. (Col. 3:15)
- Let the word of Christ richly dwell within you, with all wisdom teaching and admonishing one another with psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with **thankfulness** in your hearts to God. (Col. 3:16)

Motivated by Gladness

- Come before the Lord with gladness; Come before Him with joyful singing. (Ps. 100:2)
- Turn to Nehemiah 2:1-8
- Better is one day in your courts, than a thousand elsewhere. I would rather be a doorkeeper in the house on my God than live in the tents of the wicked. (Ps. 84:10)

Motivated by Forgiveness, not Guilt


- Then one of the seraphim flew to me with a burning coal in his hand, which he had taken from the altar with tongs. He touched my mouth with it and said, “Behold, this has touched your lips; and your iniquity is taken away and your sin is **forgiven.**” Then I heard the voice of the Lord, saying, “Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?” Then I said, “Here am I, Send me!” (Isa. 6:6-8)

Motivated by Humility

- Jesus the perfect humble Servant – John 13:1-5, 12-16
- You yourselves know, from the first day I set foot in Asia, how I was with you the whole time, serving the Lord with all humility and with tears and with trials which came upon me through the plots of the Jews; (Acts 20: 18-19)
- Let nothing be done through self ambition or conceit, but in lowliness of mind let each esteem others better than himself. (Phil. 2:3)

Motivated by Love

- “You, my brothers, were called to be free. But do not use your freedom to indulge the sinful nature; rather, serve one another in love.” (Gal. 5:13)
- For the love of Christ controls us, having concluded this, that one died for all, therefore all died: and He died for all, so that they who live might no longer live for themselves, but for Him who died and rose again on their behalf. (2 Cor. 5: 14-15)

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- “AND YOU SHALL LOVE THE LORD YOUR GOD WITH ALL YOUR HEART, AND WITH ALL YOUR SOUL, AND WITH ALL YOUR MIND, AND WITH ALL YOUR STRENGTH. The second is this, ‘YOU SHALL LOVE YOUR NEIGHBOR AS YOURSELF.’ There is no other commandment greater than these.”
(Mark 12:30-31)




We Serve with our Spiritual gifts

- As each one has received a special gift, employ it in serving one another as good stewards of the manifold grace of God. (1 Peter 4:10)
- Gifts motivated by love of God and others are what God wants of us.
- What God does through us changes peoples lives.

Spiritual Gifts

- For just as we have many members in one body and all the members do not have the same function, so we, who are many, are one body in Christ, and individually members one of another. Since we have gifts that differ according to the grace given to us, each of us is to exercise them accordingly; if prophecy, according to the proportion of his faith; if service, in his serving; or he who teaches, in his teaching; or he who exhorts, in his exhortation; he who gives, with liberality; he who leads, with diligence, he who shows mercy, with cheerfulness. (Romans 12:4-8)

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- The ministries that God gives us are themselves gifts from God.
 - And He gave some as apostles, and some as prophets, and some as evangelists, and some as pastors and teachers, for the equipping of the saints for the work of the service, to the building up of the body of Christ; until we all attain to the unity of the faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to a mature man, to the measure of the stature which belongs to the fullness of Christ. (Ephesians 4: 11-13)