

What Is A Servant?

Acts 17:25

“At Odds With The World’s Social Order”

The Payback Behavior

Three Reasons Payback Behavior Doesn’t Work

1. Grace empowers every act of obedience.

2 Corinthians 9:8

And God is able to make all grace overflow to you so that because you have enough of everything in every way at all times, you will overflow in every good work

2. Grace is not a transaction.

Romans 4:4,5

Now to the one who works, his pay is not credited due to grace but due to obligation. But to the one who does not work, but believes in the one who declares the ungodly righteous, his faith is credited as righteousness.

3. Our life in Christ depends on grace.

2 Corinthians 5:21

God made the one who did not know sin to be sin for us, so that in him we would become the righteousness of God.

A God Who Works for You

Psalm 50:12–15

“Even if I were hungry, I would not tell you, for the world and all it contains belong to me. Do I eat the flesh of bulls? Do I drink the blood of goats? Present to God a thank-offering! Repay your vows to the sovereign One! Pray to me when you are in trouble! I will deliver you, and you will honor me!”

2 Chronicles 16:9

Certainly the Lord watches the whole earth carefully and is ready to strengthen those who are devoted to him.

Isaiah 64:4

Since ancient times no one has heard or perceived, no eye has seen any God besides you, who intervenes for those who wait for Him.

Isaiah 46:1–4

Bel kneels down, Nebo bends low. Their images weigh down animals and beasts. Your heavy images are burdensome to tired animals. Together they bend low and kneel down; they are unable to rescue the images; they themselves head off into captivity. “Listen to me, O family of Jacob, all you who are left from the family of Israel, you who have been carried from birth, you who have been supported from the time you left the womb. Even when you are old, I will take care of you, even when you have gray hair, I will carry you. I made you and I will support you; I will carry you and rescue you.

Matthew 11:28

“Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest.”

God Supplies

1 Peter 4:11

Whoever speaks, let it be with God’s words. Whoever serves, do so with the strength that God supplies, so that in everything God will be glorified through Jesus Christ. To him belong the glory and the power forever and ever. Amen.

God Is the Giver don’t Serve God

Acts 17:24-25

“The God who made the world and everything in it, who is Lord of heaven and earth, does not live in temples made by human hands, nor is He served by human hands, as if He needed anything, because He himself gives life and breath and everything to everyone”

Mark 10:45

“For even the Son of Man did not come to be served but to serve.”

Romans 11:33-36

Oh, the depth of the riches and wisdom and knowledge of God! How unsearchable are his judgments and how fathomless his ways! For who has known the mind of the Lord, or who has been his counselor? Or who has first given to God, that God needs to repay him? For from him and through him and to him are all things. To him be glory forever! Amen.

Why is this thinking bad?

1. Because it’s impossible.
2. If it were possible, it would destroy grace and turn it into a business transaction.
3. It takes our attention away from all the grace that God will offers us in the future.

So, how do I serve?

I Peter 4:11

“Whoever serves, do so with the strength that God supplies, so that in everything God will be glorified through Jesus Christ. To him belong the glory and the power forever and ever. Amen.”

Matthew 6:24

“No one can serve two masters, for either he will hate the one and love the other, or he will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and money.”

1. Where are the places that when God is experienced as the giver through me, that people are impacted the greatest and God receives the glory?
2. Where can I showcase the most of God being the giver?
3. Where can I showcase the most of who God is and where He is the giver that gets the glory?

Luke 15:10

I tell you, there is joy in the presence of God's angels over one sinner who repents.