

CALGARY LIFE CHURCH

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**Psalm 84:10 NIV- *"Better is one day in your courts than a thousand elsewhere;
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Recently I had two experiences at restaurants... I'll call it the tale of two stores... On those days, it wasn't about the person who built the store, had the vision, or the chef...

My experience was determined by the person at the DOOR.

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There is nothing we can do that is more in line with God's will for our lives than to LOVE and BUILD His Church.

But the message of the gospel is very different. And so is the mark of a great team poised to do something significant for God.

The church does not exist for us. We are the church and we exist for the world.

DOORKEEPERS IN GOD'S HOUSE

1. Shift from serving to owning.

The lesson I learned at the bundt cake shop was one of ownership... I don't know if I met the owner, but it sure felt like I did.

Doorkeepers don't simply show up to serve...they show up because they own the vision as if it was their own.

Servers clock in and clock out... Owners constantly carry the mandate of the vision.

Servers focus on a task...Owners focus on fruit and profit.

Servers adjust to change...Owners immediately back change, even if they didn't initiate it.

Servers serve where they choose...Owners jump in wherever the House needs them.

Owners approach a mission differently than servants do.

2. Have an after you spirit

Great churches built on people who are willing to lay themselves aside... sacrifice... that someone else could know Jesus.

Some people love and build football stadiums, universities, businesses... God's people love and build the House of God.

God hasn't asked you to do something hard. He's asked you to do something impossible.

If it was just going to be hard, you wouldn't need God.

Impossible is where God starts... because He's the God of the impossible.

3. Realize their place is prominent even when they feel insignificant.

There are going to be times in church life where what you are doing is noticed...and more times where it is not.

This should never deter us in our service, or cause us to give less than 100%

You might feel insignificant at times, but you must realize that your contribution, seen or unseen, is setting the table for people to experience a ONE DAY with Jesus...

ONE DAY in God's House is better than a thousand elsewhere...and this should inspire us every time we show up to serve!

When it comes to church, it's not about equal giving. It's about equal sacrifice.

4. Know the master's voice and speak the language of unity.

5. Have a whatever it takes spirit

One day Jonathan son of Saul said to the young man bearing his armor, "Come, let's go over to the Philistine outpost on the other side." But he did not tell his father.

On each side of the pass that Jonathan intended to cross to reach the Philistine outpost was a cliff; one was called Bozez, and the other Seneh. One cliff stood to the north toward Micmash, the other to the south toward Geba.

Jonathan said to his young armor-bearer, "Come, let's go over to the outpost of those uncircumcised fellows. Perhaps the Lord will act in our behalf. Nothing can hinder the Lord from saving, whether by many or by few."

"Do all that you have in mind," his armor-bearer said. "Go ahead; I am with you heart and soul." (1 Samuel 14:1, 4-7 NIV84)