

"You, my brothers and sisters, were called to be free. But do not use your freedom to indulge the flesh; rather, serve one another humbly in love." ~ Galatians 5:13 (NIV) ~

World's System

"But Jesus called them (disciples) to Himself and said, 'You know that the rulers of the Gentiles lord it over them, and those who are great exercise authority over them." ~ Matthew 20:25 ~

God's System

"Yet it shall not be so among you; but whoever desires to become great among you, let him be your servant. And whoever desires to be first among you, let him be your slave."

~ Matthew 20:26-27 ~

Jesus Model

"just as the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give His life a ransom for many." ~ Matthew 20:28 ~

Rewarding Service

"And whatever you do, do it heartily, as to the Lord and not to men, knowing that from the Lord you will receive the reward of the inheritance; for you serve the Lord Christ." ~ Colossians 3:23-24 ~

Serving Test

Step 1 — Check the Source

Question: Is this coming from God's desire or human expectation?

If God → Step 2
No / Not sure → Pause and pray

Step 2 — Check Your Heart

Question: Am I motivated to serve by love or by guilt, fear, pride, or people-pleasing?

If Love → Step 3
Other motive → "No" or "Not now"

Step 3 — Stewardship Check

Question: Will I still be able to fulfill my current commitments (family, health, work, walk with Christ)?

Yes → Step 4
No → Decline or delegate

Step 4 — Alignment Check

Question: Is this aligned with my spiritual gifts or passions?

Yes → GO FOR IT!

No → Consider if God is stretching you, or if it's a distraction

