

You Gotta Serve
Somebody

FACT 1: You Gotta Serve
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FACT 2: You get to
choose whom you serve.

**“Choose for yourself, this day, whom
you will serve...But as for me and my
household, we will serve the Lord.”**

Joshua

FACT 3: Not only do you
get to choose. You have to
choose.

FACT 4: We can fool
ourselves into thinking we
have made up our minds to
serve God, when we have not

**FACT 5: Our choice (faith)
results in actions that
result in a more resolute
choice (faith).**

Romans 6:15-23

**What then? Shall we sin because we
are not under the law but under grace?
By no means!**

Romans 6:15-23

¹⁶ Don't you know that when you offer yourselves to someone as obedient slaves, you are slaves of the one you obey—whether you are slaves to sin, which leads to death, or to obedience, which leads to righteousness?

Romans 6:15-23

¹⁷ But thanks be to God that, though you used to be slaves to sin, you have come to obey from your heart the pattern of teaching that has now claimed your allegiance. ¹⁸ You have been set free from sin and have become slaves to righteousness.

Romans 6:15-23

¹⁹ I am using an example from everyday life because of your human limitations. Just as you *used to* offer yourselves as slaves to impurity and to ever-increasing wickedness, so now offer yourselves as slaves to righteousness leading to holiness.

Romans 6:15-23

²⁰ When you were slaves to sin, you were free from the control of righteousness.

Romans 6:15-23

²¹ What benefit did you reap at that time from the things you are now ashamed of? Those things result in death! ²² But now that you have been set free from sin and have become slaves of God, the benefit you reap leads to holiness, and the result is eternal life.

Romans 6:15-23

²³ For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

*In the United States, we have
created a church culture that ignores
God's word and calls it humility.*

Christians are way more likely to keep sin in our lives when we excuse it as being “normal” for Christians. So we can end up obeying God’s word when it’s easy and disobeying God’s word when it’s not easy or not convenient.

**2 My dear children, I write this to you
so that you will not sin. But if anybody
does sin, we have an advocate with the
Father—Jesus Christ, the Righteous
One. (1 John 2:1)**

⁶ No one who lives in him keeps on sinning. No one who continues to sin has either seen him or known him.

(1 John 3:6)

⁹ No one who is born of God will continue to sin, because God's seed remains in them; they cannot go on sinning, because they have been born of God. (1 John 3:9)

The enemy wants you to think that you are helpless to temptation. He doesn't want you to live a life of holiness. If he can get us to believe that every Christian sins all the time and there is nothing that we can do about it, then we will constantly allow the pull of sin (that leads to death) to be greater than the pull of obedience that leads to what's right and holy and best for me and the rest of the world.

God wants to transform you, to make you more like Jesus. Is that what you want?

Or are you settling for the hope that you get to go to Heaven when you die?