



# The Heart of a Servant

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# I. What do we mean when we talk about the “heart” in ministry?

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The literal word “heart” can refer to many different things

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There are many conditions of the heart described in the Bible

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There are common expressions that are used in relation to the heart



# Group Activity!

Are you ready?



# C. Biblical conditions of the Heart

## Negative Side

Mark 6:52  
Deut 2:30  
Pro 16:5  
Lev 19:17  
Ps 12:2  
Mt 15:8  
Rom 1:21  
Ezek 11:19  
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Mk 16:14  
Eccl 2:23  
Acts 7:51  
Jer 5:23  
Pro 10:20  
Heb (3:10  
Ezek 6:9

## Positive Side

II Kings 22:19  
Ex 35:29  
Ps 69:32  
Mark 12:30  
Jer 32:39  
Ps 78:72  
Ex 36:2  
II Chr 34:27  
Ps 119:32  
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# C. Biblical conditions of the Heart

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Hateful – Lev 19:17  
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Hypocritical – Mt 15:8  
Foolish – Rom 1:21  
Stony – Ezek 11:19  
Withered – Ps 102:4  
Deceitful – Pro 17:20  
Unbelieving – Mk 16:14  
Restless – Eccl 2:23  
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Tender – II Kings 22:19  
Willing – Ex 35:29  
Humble – Ps 69:32  
Loving – Mark 12:30  
Single – Jer 32:39  
Integrity – Ps 78:72  
Wise – Ex 36:2  
Soft – II Chr 34:27  
Enlarged – Ps 119:32  
Meek – Mt 11:29  
Believing – Acts 8:37  
Free – II Chr 29:31  
Circumcised – Rom 2:29  
Contrite/Broken – Ps 34:18  
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Faithful – Neh 9:8

**II. What are some of the ways that a person can be motivated for ministry?**

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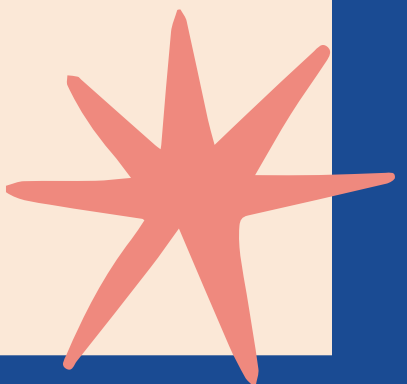
**B**



# Ps 139:23-24

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Search me, O God,  
and know my heart;  
try me, and know my  
anxieties; and see if  
there is any wicked  
way in me, and lead  
me in the way  
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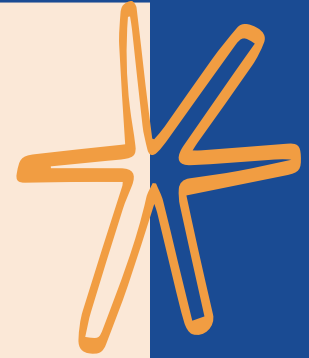
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# Matthew 6:1-2



Take heed that you do not do your charitable deeds before men, to be seen by them. Otherwise you have no reward from your Father in heaven. Therefore, when you do a charitable deed, do not sound a trumpet before you as the hypocrites do in the synagogues and in the streets, that they may have glory from men. Assuredly, I say to you, they have their reward.



**A. A person can be motivated by selfishness & personal ambition**

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To be seen of men  
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To seek glory  
(Pro 25:27, 27:2  
John 7:18,  
Jer 9:23-24)

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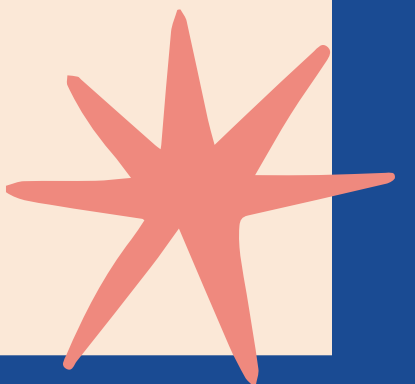
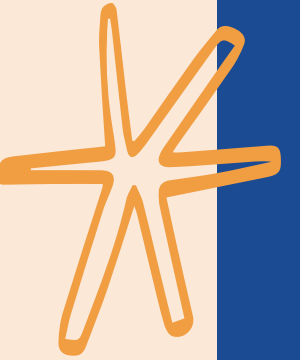
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# Proverbs 25:27

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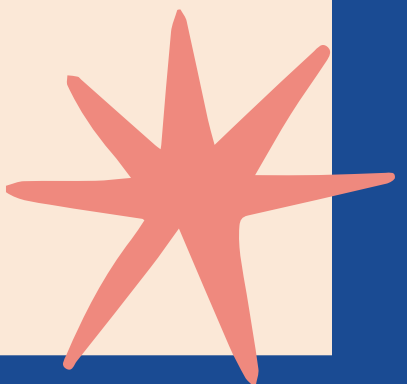
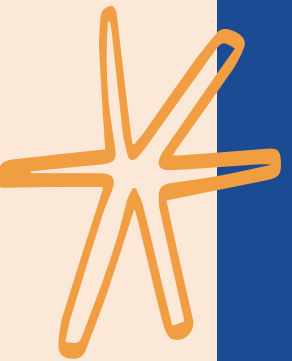
It is not good to eat  
much honey; so to  
seek one's own glory  
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# Proverbs 25:27

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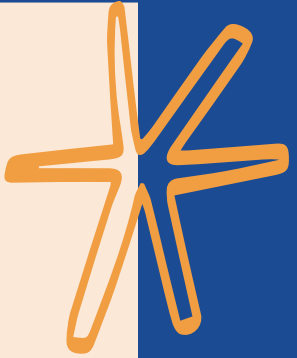
Just as it is not good to eat too much honey, it is not good for people to think about all the honors they deserve.



# John 7:18



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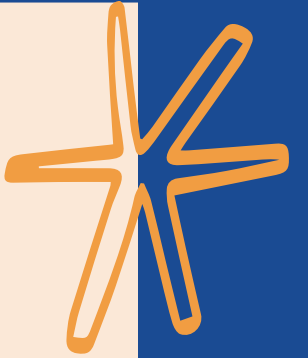


He who speaks on his own does so to gain honor for himself, but he who works for the honor of the one who sent him is a man of truth; there is nothing false about him.



# Jeremiah 9:23-24

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Thus says the Lord: "Let not the wise man glory in his wisdom, let not the mighty man glory in his might, nor the rich man glory in his riches; but let him who glories glory in this, that he understands and knows Me, that I am the Lord, exercising lovingkindness, judgment, and righteousness in the earth. For in these I delight," says the Lord.



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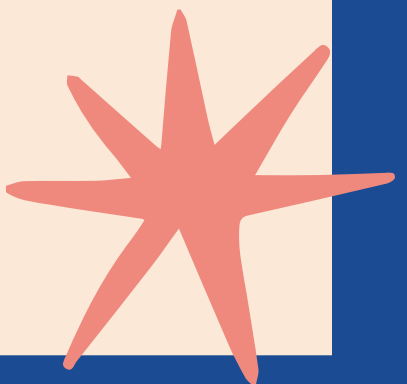
**To please or impress men**  
(1 Th 2:4; Gal 1:10)

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# Galatians 1:10

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Am I now trying to win the approval of men, or of God? Or am I trying to please men? If I were still trying to please men, I would not be a servant of Christ.



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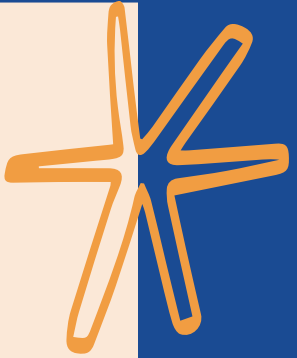
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**To have power or authority over people**  
(Mt 20:25-26)

# Matthew 20:25-26

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**But Jesus called them 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. Yet it shall not be so among you; but whoever desires to become great among you, let him be your servant.**





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# Selflessness (Luke 17:7-10)



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# Luke 17:7-10

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And which of you, having a servant plowing or tending sheep, will say to him when he has come in from the field, "Come at once and sit down to eat"? But will he not rather say to him, "Prepare something for my supper, and gird yourself and serve me till I have eaten and drunk, and afterward you will eat and drink"? Does he thank that servant because he did the things that were commanded him? I think not. So likewise you, when you have done all those things which you are commanded, say, "We are unprofitable servants. We have done what was our duty to do."



**Selflessness**  
(Luke 17:7-10)

**Humility**  
(Phil 2:5-8)



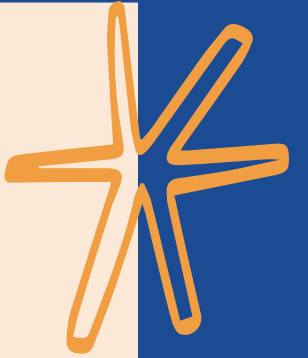
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# philippians 2:5-8

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Let this mind be in you which was also in Christ Jesus, who, being in the form of God, did not consider it robbery to be equal with God, but made Himself of no reputation, taking the form of a bondservant, and coming in the likeness of men. And being found in appearance as a man, He humbled Himself and became obedient to the point of death, even the death of the cross.



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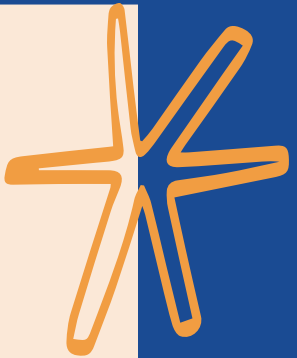
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Gal 5:13-14)

# Galatians 5:13-14

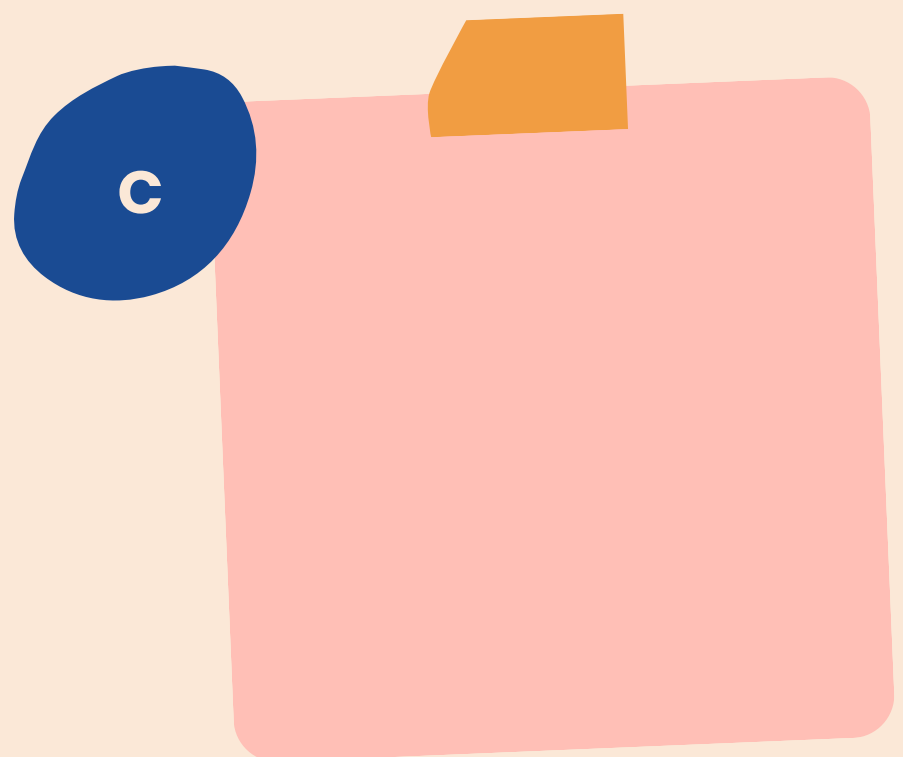
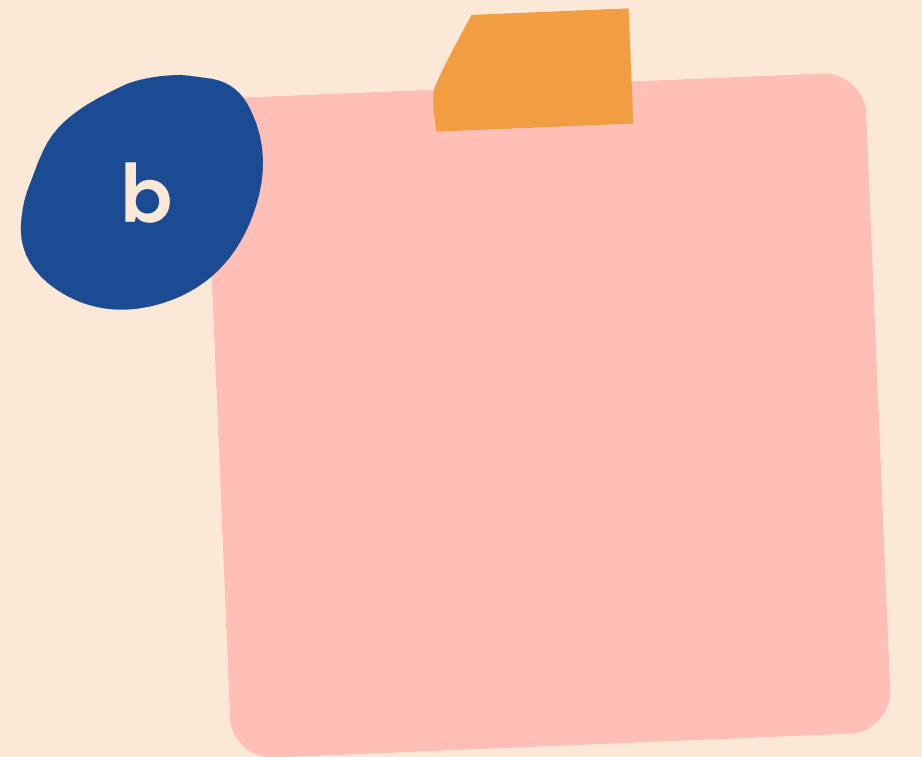
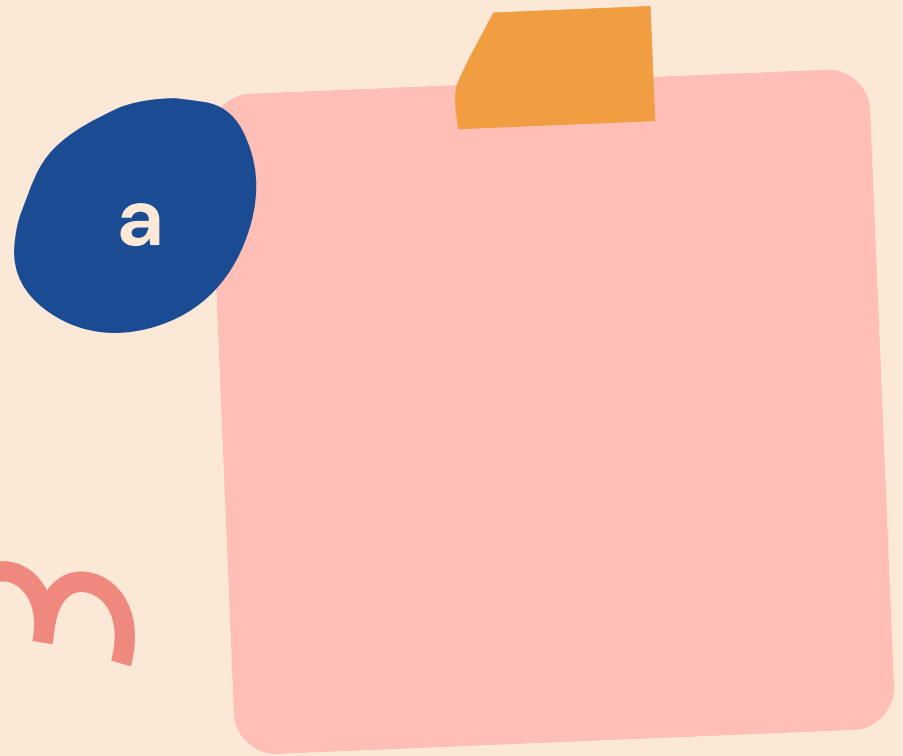


For you, brethren, have been called to liberty; only do not use liberty as an opportunity for the flesh, but through love serve one another. For all the law is fulfilled in one word, even in this: "You shall love your neighbor as yourself."





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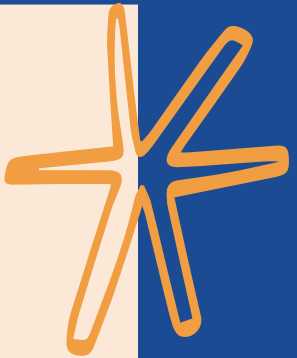
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**Love for God**

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**c**

# John 21:16



He said to him again a second time, "Simon, son of Jonah, do you love Me?" He said to Him, "Yes, Lord; You know that I love You." He said to him, "Tend my sheep."



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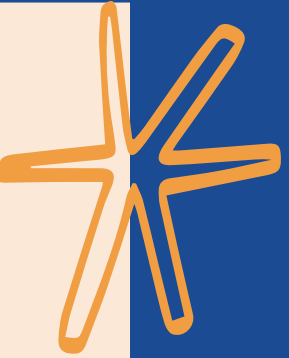
**Love for People**

**c**

# 1 Thessalonians 2:5-8

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For neither at any time did we use flattering words, as you know, nor a cloak for covetousness – God is witness. Nor did we seek glory from men, either from you or from others, when you might have made demands as apostles of Christ. But we are gentle among you, just as a nursing mother cherishes her own children. So, affectionately longing for you, we were well pleased to impart to you not only the gospel of God, but also our own lives, because you had become dear to us.



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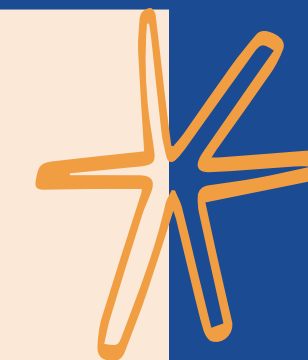
**b**

**Love for People**

**c**

**Love for God's House**

# 1 Chronicles 29:3



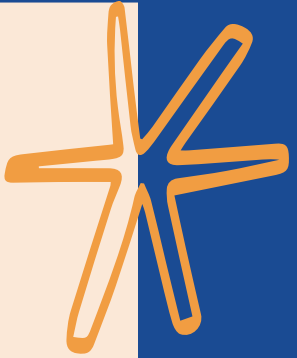
Moreover, because I have set my affection on the house of my God, I have given to the house of my God, over and above all that I have prepared for the holy house, my own special treasure of gold and silver...



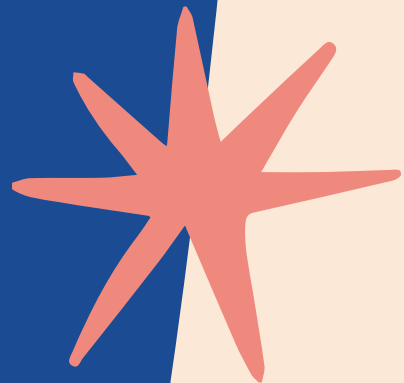
**John 2:17**



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Then his disciples remembered this prophecy from the Scriptures: "Passion for God's house burns within me."





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**Humility**  
(Phil 2:5-8)



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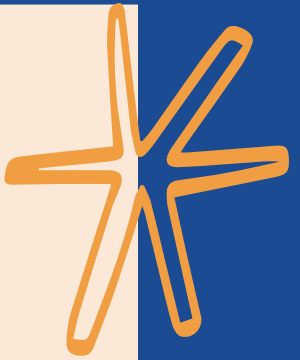
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# Exodus 34:20-21

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**And all the congregation of the children of Israel departed from the presence of Moses. Then everyone came whose heart was stirred and everyone whose spirit was willing, and they brought the Lord's offering for the work of the tabernacle of meeting, for all its service, and for the holy garments.**



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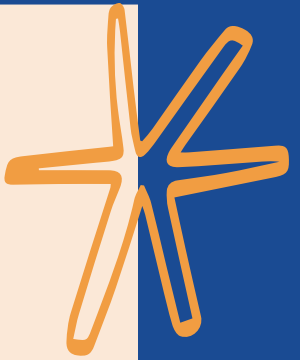
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# Matthew 13:12

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For whoever has [a responsive heart], to him more will be given, and he will have abundance; but whoever does not have [a responsive heart] even what he has will be taken away from him.



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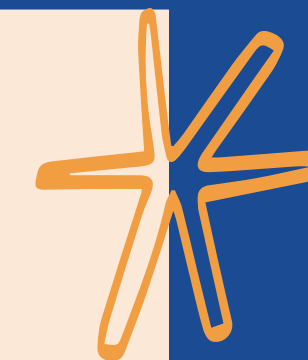
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# 1 Corinthians 4:1-2

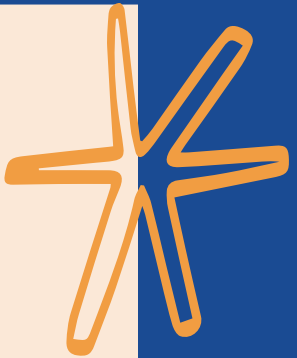


Let a man so consider us, as servants of Christ and stewards of the mysteries of God. Moreover it is required in stewards that one be found faithful.



# Luke 16:10-12

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He who is faithful in what is least is faithful also in much; and he who is unjust in what is least is also in much. Therefore if you have not been faithful in the unrighteous mammon, who will commit to your trust the true riches? And if you have not been faithful in what is another man's, who will give you what is your own?



**Selflessness**  
(Luke 17:7-10)

**Humility**  
(Phil 2:5-8)

**Cheerfulness**  
(Deut 28:47-48,  
Acts 2:46,  
Rom 12:8, II Cor 9:7)

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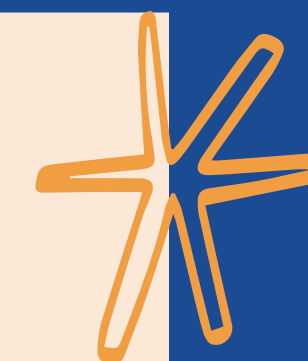
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# Deuteronomy 28:47-48



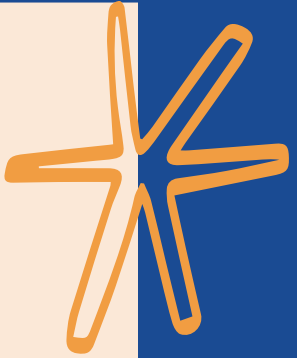
Because you did not serve the Lord your God with joy and gladness of heart, for the abundance of everything, therefore you shall serve your enemies, whom the Lord will send against you, in hunger, in thirst, in nakedness, and in need of everything; and He will put a yoke of iron on your neck until He has destroyed you.



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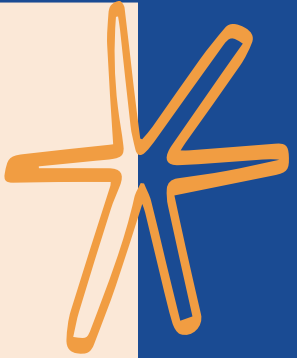


**And whatever you do, do it heartily, as to the Lord and not to men, knowing that from the Lord you will receive the reward of the inheritance; for you serve the Lord Christ.**

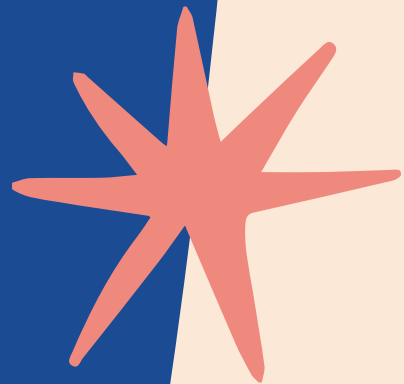


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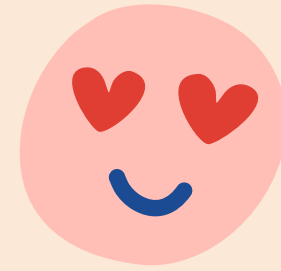
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Work hard and cheerfully at whatever you do, as though you were working for the Lord, rather than for people. Remember that the Lord will give you an inheritance as your reward, and the Master you are serving is Christ.

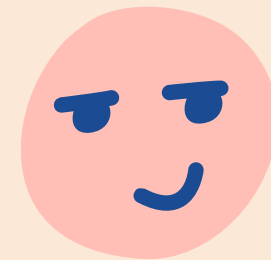


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**Mission:**

**Making disciples by  
creatively building a  
relational church**



**Vision:**

**Forge & Strengthen  
Families**

**Unwrap the potential of  
each individual**





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