

Service

Luke 17:7-10 (NIV) "Suppose one of you has a servant plowing or looking after the sheep. Will he say to the servant when he comes in from the field, 'Come along now and sit down to eat'? 8 Won't he rather say, 'Prepare my supper, get yourself ready and wait on me while I eat and drink; after that you may eat and drink'? 9 Will he thank the servant because he did what he was told to do? 10 So you also, when you have done everything you were told to do, should say, 'We are unworthy servants; we have only done our duty.""

1 John 2:16(NIV) For everything in the world the lust of the flesh, the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life comes not from the Father but from the world.

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2. God owes me NOTHING

While the world wants me to measure me by my <u>fame</u> God measures me by my <u>faithfulness</u>

3. Because of Christ I can find complete contentment in contribution

Ecclesiastes 2:24 (NLT) So I decided there is nothing better than to enjoy food and drink and to find satisfaction in work. Then I realized that these pleasures are from the hand of God.



John 12:23-26 (NIV)

Jesus replied, "The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. 24 Very truly I tell you, unless a kernel of wheat falls to the ground and dies, it remains only a single seed. But if it dies, it produces many seeds. 25 Anyone who loves their life will lose it, while anyone who hates their life in this world will keep it for eternal life. 26 Whoever serves me must follow me; and where I am, my servant also will be. My Father will honor the one who serves me.

Philippians 2:5-8 (NIV)

In your relationships with one another, have the same mindset as Christ Jesus: 6 Who, being in very nature God, did not consider equality with God something to be used to his own advantage; 7 rather, he made himself nothing by taking the very nature of a servant, being made in human likeness. 8 And being found in appearance as a man, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to death—even death on a cross!

What keeps be from joyfully wearing the "Servant" title?.... PRIDE!!!

Pride limits my ability to see my own errors and sins. Pride makes it easier to see the mistakes and sin of others.

Pride makes me think I am better than others Pride makes me a poor listener Pride makes me interrupt you to share my thoughts Pride makes me question the motives of others Pride blocks me from testing my own motives Pride makes me assume that I am immune to particular sins Pride makes me unable to ask for forgiveness

Pride makes me sarcastic Pride makes me cynical Pride makes me lazy by telling me I have done enough already to earn my pay. Pride makes me insensitive, because I don't care about your feelings. Pride makes me justify the sin in my life, while condemning the same sin in others Pride makes me voice my disapproval of others Pride makes me think I am a good at what I do

Pride makes me think I am better than others Pride makes me think i am humble for working through this study Pride makes me over emphasize "me" in ministry, and underestimate God Pride makes me want to have the last word Pride makes me compare myself with others Pride makes me control the people around me Pride makes me justify my own action while criticizing the actions of others Pride makes me not want to do what I am told

- Pride makes me like my ideas
 Pride makes me value what I do more than
 others
- Prides makes me value what I say more than others
- Pride makes me not want to wear my seat belt
- Pride makes me think that laws do not apply to me
- Pride makes me ashamed to share the gospel

Pride makes me more concerned about how I am perceived, than how I really am. Pride makes me dress to impress others Pride makes me talk about things that interest me and not others Pride makes me disagree with others before I have heard them out Pride makes me overestimate my own skill Pride makes me underestimate the skill of others

- Pride makes me think someone may think more of my study on pride.
- Pride makes me think I can lead worship better than another.
- Pride makes me think I can preach better than another.
- Pride makes me think I can teach better than others
- Pride make me pity myself
- Pride makes me think I am not able to teach
- Pride makes me think I am not able to serve
- Pride makes me think I deserve credit I have not earned
- Pride makes me think that I am too good to do certain
- jobs or tasks

Pride makes me harm relationships
Pride makes me unwilling give
Pride makes me isolate myself from
others

Pride makes me think I cannot do better Pride makes me unwilling to ask for help Pride makes me jealous of others

Pride makes me envious of others Pride makes me avoid correction Pride makes me unteachable Pride makes me flaunt my knowledge Pride makes me make me a poor witness Pride makes me unwilling to witness Pride makes me angry Pride makes me bitter

4. I'm promised comfort from God, I'm never promised to be comfortable

The idol of comfort is exposed: When we are called upon to share the name of Jesus and risk reputation or schedule to love someone else in Jesus name

People who worship the idol of comfort: stubble with boredom & apathy

People around people that worship the idol of comfort: feel neglected & used

2 Corinthians 1:3-4 (NIV) Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of compassion and the God of all comfort, 4 who comforts us in all our troubles, so that we can comfort those in any trouble with the comfort we ourselves receive from God.

1 Timothy 6:17-19

Tell those rich in this world's wealth to quit being so full of themselves and so obsessed with money, which is here today and gone tomorrow. Tell them to go after God, who piles on all the riches we could ever manage—to do good, to be rich in helping others, to be extravagantly generous. If they do that, they'll build a treasury that will last, gaining life that is truly life.

