

Knowing God Lesson Nine Service

Serving God is not a job for the casually interested. God asks for your life. He asks for service to become a priority. Serving should be a lifestyle. What does it mean to have a “lifestyle” of service?

God does not call any of His people to idleness. We’re all called to be a part of His Kingdom work.

Read Mark 10:45. Summarize it in your own words.

Serving others is one of the greatest methods to combat self-centeredness and other sins. Instead of focusing on the sin issue, we’re able to focus on other people. There’s a useful acronym for JOY. Some people call it, “I’m Third.”

J – Jesus first

O – Others second

Y – Yourself third

It’s obviously much easier read / spoken than lived. In what areas of your life are you most likely to be selfish?

Read Psalm 100: 1 – 2. What is the first verb you see in verse 2?

It’s different depending on your translation. The NIV has the word, “worship,” but the KJV and NASB both have the word, “serve.” They both come from the same Hebrew word, “Avadh.” What do you think the connection between worship and serving is?

Isn’t worship all about music? If not, what’s it about?

Every Christian is expected to serve. It was an unwillingness to serve God that once turned some angels into demons. Not to serve God is sinful.

V. 2 says to serve (or worship) the Lord with _____.

Our motives for doing things are crucially important. Often they're more important than what we actually do.

We are to serve the Lord with gladness not grudgingly.

We should also be motivated to serve by...

- *obedience – read Deuteronomy 13:4

- *gratitude – read I Samuel 12:24

- *forgiveness, not guilt – the people of God do not serve God in order to be forgiven but because we are forgiven. What's the difference?

- *humility – read Philippians 2: 1 – 4

- *love – read Galatians 5:13

Read Mark 12: 28 – 31

What is the greatest commandment?

What is the second greatest commandment?

The more we love others the more we will serve them.

God has gifted every believer. I Corinthians says, "There are different kinds of gifts, but the same Spirit..." We have all been gifted. It's not a comparison about whose gifts are better or receive more attention. We're called to be grateful for our gifts and faithful to use them. How do you compare your gifts to others?

You are expect to serve and gifted to serve, but are you willing?

Find a way to defeat the temptation to serve only when it's convenient or exciting!

What are a few examples of ways you can intentionally serve those you are around in the next few days?