

How Should We Serve God?

Scripture: Heb. 9:13-15

Intro: Serving God is an honor He allows frail, faulty humans who are saved to render to Him and He promises a full reward when that honorable service is rendered in the proper way and with the proper attitude.

1. Those who serve God and meet with many difficulties in their way and continue lively and fresh to the end draw upon our respect: Job, Paul
2. Those who serve God consistently year after year till old age and for many years remain faithful demand our appreciation as our example: John, Daniel Hosea. (Dan. 6:16,20)

I. Serve Him Heartily. (Eph. 6:6; Col. 3:23; Ro. 1:9)

- A. Consider the Master who commands rather than the service commanded.
 1. Do it solely for Him. (Col. 3:23; Ro. 6:22)
 2. Do it submissively to Him. (I Cor. 9:16-17; Ro. 12:1)
 3. Do it servingly in Him. (I Cor. 3:9)
- B. Consider we are ministers who command the responsibility of His service.
 1. Sincerely of heart: Pure and real. (I Cor. 5:8; Josh. 24:14; Deut. 10:12)
 2. Seriously at heart: Earnest and resolute. (put your heart in it)
"Serve Him in sincerity and truth"

II. Serve Him Cheerfully. (II Cor. 9:7; Ps. 40:8; Jn. 4:34)

- A. Rejoice: gladdened and encouraged. (Ps. 100:2)
 1. Alive and alert with a happy face.
 2. Active and agreeable with a hopeful feature
 - a. Not gloomy and down.
 - b. Not gripped and discouraged.
- B. Revived: grateful and involved. (Col. 3:24)
 1. Willingness: oil of the wheel. (I Thes. 1:9)
 2. Winsome: over-comer of the world (not bothered by trivialities).

III. Serve Him Diligently. (Ro. 12:11; Eccl. 9:10)

- A. Steady in application: constant. (Heb. 11:6) (priorities in your life set values in your children's lives)
 1. Not careless or negligent. (Heb. 12:15)
 2. Not idle or indifferent: Abraham's servant was diligent in his search. (Gen. 24)
- B. Stable in appointment. (Pr. 22:29)
 1. Not for compliments or commendation. (Josh. 24:15)
 2. But as Christians and for Christ. (Heb. 12:28)

III. Serve Him Perpetually. (Gal. 3:1; 5:7)

A. Faithful to the end. (Rev. 2:10)

1. Cannot serve Him too soon or too long: No one ever repented of this.
2. Cannot say but good of it: If serving Him is bad why did you start and if it is good why did you depart from it.

B. Farsighted enough to be effected. (Heb. 12:2; II Cor. 4:18)

1. Look beyond self. (Phil. 2:4; I Pet. 1:12)
2. Look burdeningly to savior.