

# Servanthood - Your Spiritual Growth

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**Phil 2:1-4** Now if you have known anything of Christ's encouragement and of his reassuring love; if you have known something of the fellowship of his Spirit, and of compassion and deep sympathy, do make my joy complete--live together in harmony, live together in love, as though you had only one mind and spirit between you. Never act from motives of rivalry or personal vanity, but in humility think more of each other than you do of yourselves. None of you should think only of his own affairs, but consider other people's interests also.

Though our sins have been forgiven, we will still face consequences for the choices we make **Matt. 25:14-30**.

**1 Pet 2:16** Live as free men, but do not use your freedom as a cover-up for evil; live as *servants of God*.

## **Why is Servanthood an important part for our lives?**

Knowing that someone will ask for us to help them motivates us to do our best and encourages us to be good stewards of our time, talents, and resources.

## **What happens when the enemy attacks the head? (He can take down and destroy the entire family and in some cases the extended family)**

- A. We cannot do our best.
- B. Our resources may be wasted.
- C. Spiritual growth will be hampered.
- D. There will be divisions in our most important relationships.
- E. We will miss opportunities, privileges, promotions, and rewards.
- F. Others may feel free to take advantage of us.

**Rom 6:23** Sin PAYS its servants: the wage is death. But God GIVES to those who serve him: his free gift is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Today Is Your Best Day to Serve

**Phil 2:3-4** Don't do anything from selfish ambition, or from a cheap desire to boast; but be humble towards each other, never thinking you are better than others. And look out for each other's interests, not just for your own.

In God we boast all day long, And praise Your name forever.

**Psalms 44:8**

**Mat 20:27-28** "...whoever wants to be great must be your servant, and whoever wants to be first must be the willing slave of all--like the Son of Man; He did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give up his life as a ransom for many."

**John 12:25-26** "The man who loves his life will lose it, while the man who hates his life in this world will keep it for eternal life. Whoever serves me must follow me; and where I am, my servant also will be. My Father will honor the one who serves me."

**Here are 4 reasons why today is your best day to serve.**

1. Today is your best day to serve because you are here. God has placed you in this moment of time for a purpose, and the things that happen to you today will be an unfolding of that purpose.
2. What happened to you yesterday, however easy or difficult, was used by God to help prepare you for what He has for you today.
3. God will use what happens today to prepare you for what He has for you in future days.

4. God has used your past and worked it all together for the good, and He will use this day to add to the good that He has already worked in your behalf.

**Rom 12:1** I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service.

Today you can take another step higher as He takes you from glory to glory; **Phil 2:17** But even if I am being poured out like a drink offering on the sacrifice and service coming from your faith, I am glad and rejoice with all of you.

Take another step deeper as you grow in His love; **Acts 20:24**...I consider my life worth nothing to me...

Take another step further as you obediently walk with Him.

Today is your best day to serve because it has brought you one day closer to the coming of the Lord.

**Phil 2:5-8** Let your attitude to life be that of Christ Jesus himself. For he, who had always been God by nature, did not cling to his privileges as God's equal, but stripped himself of every advantage by consenting to be a slave by nature and being born a man. And, plainly seen as a human being, he humbled himself by living a life of utter obedience, to the point of death, and the death he died was that of a common criminal. That is why God has lifted him to the heights, and has given him the name beyond all names.

Today is your best day to serve because we are **Free To Serve**

**Rom 7:6** But now we are rid of the Law, freed by death from our imprisonment, free to serve in the new spiritual way and not the old way of a written law.

**Rom 6:20-22** When you were slaves to sin, you felt no obligation to righteousness, and what did you get from this? Nothing but experiences that now make you ashamed, since that sort of behavior ends in death. Now, however, you have been set free from sin, you have been made slaves of God, and you get a reward leading to your sanctification and ending in eternal life.

### **Flesh Test! How Hard Is It To serve?**

**Rom 15:1-3** As for us who are strong, our duty is to bear with the weaknesses of those who are not strong, and not seek our own pleasure. Let each of us endeavor to please his fellow Christian, aiming at a blessing calculated to build him up. For even the Christ did not seek His

**Luke 22:27** "For who is greater, the one who is at the table or the one who serves? Is it not the one who is at the table? But I am among you as one who serves."

**Gal 5:13** ...But through love be servants of one another.

**Gal 6:9-10** Let us not grow tired of doing good - for unless we throw in our hand, the ultimate harvest is assured. Let us then do good to all men as opportunity offers, especially to those who belong to the Christian household.