## **SERVICE**

"The best way to serve The Lord while still on Earth is to study His Word, know It, and live It. By this you will not only serve God but you will also serve others, and God richly rewards those who serve others unselfishly, especially the poor and downtrodden. You are certainly in God's grace as you do this, and your mercies will be new every day and blessings will be there when you need them.

Service is what Jesus The Christ did in many different ways. He served all with The Word so that all would have a hope of salvation. He served the poor with His Words of encouragement and the alms that he frequently gave to them. He served His Apostles in giving them the knowledge needed to then go out and serve others, and He illustrated service...even He serving them when He washed all their feet. He served mankind in dying for all to give salvation for all those who embrace Him as Savior and Master. He served The Father by offering, then coming to Earth to help save God's precious creations.



His service was based on love and all good service is based on this...otherwise the service may be insincere and selfish. Love ties together the one being served and the servant in a way that makes a very productive symbiosis, and all parties know truly that the act is for good and is thereby not diluted by doubts and questions. Always put love in your service or do not serve at all, for acts of service that are purely mechanical receive no reward; and such is the case when acts are done to be seen by many in order to display the 'righteousness' of the giver. In the latter case the only reward given will be the empty accolades given by the unwise adorers of flesh.

How can you serve? Look around you, do you have needy and forlorn individuals in your community? Do you have sinners who need the gospel? Do you have animal ministries where you can show love to the unloved? Do you have sick or imprisoned people who just need encouragement from one who truly cares? Do you have a ministry in your church that you could join to help save souls? Do you have a family that needs your unconditional love to help them cope in the sinful world? You may serve in many ways and all your service if in love will bear much fruit, and those that you serve will be struck by the pleasant love that you display on their behalf and they may come to salvation as a result of it.

Jesus set Himself as an example to all people of the world, and He lived His Word perfectly. If you read and know the Word—you too can become a perfect example to all who encounter you...of the good that is in the world of curses. You can be a beacon of light to a hopeless world, you can be the hand of help that one may so desperately need; and you by your example may change lives not only here and now, but for all eternity and you may not even know it. Just like the ripples of sin, so do the ripples of love go on and on many times for generations; and this can start by a simple act of loving service from one to another...and this can be within a family, or without.



Loving service also changes the life of the servant, for such see the world with the Eyes of God and know the wisdom in love and in service. This can change the very nature of an individual and certainly will change the realm of occupation after leaving the Earth and will also reduce the penance for a one who still has unforgiven sin. God counts loving service greatly in consideration of His rewards, for one does it willfully and unselfishly and lovingly and this pleases God in that the one is portraying aspects of God and God's Plan; and in edifying God, He certainly will edify the one who serves.

You have heard that you cannot 'out give' God...this is eternally true and proven every day of human existence. You may try to out give God but you never will, but in your attempt you will be rising in holiness, righteousness, and purity; and this raises your level of communion with God and thus your place in His Kingdom forever.

Be a good and loving servant."

Ruach HaKodesh

—John Patmos

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The mercies of the Lord that we are not consumed: because his commiserations have not failed. Heth. They are new every morning, great is thy faithfulness. Lamentations 3: 22

Let nothing be done through contention, neither by vain glory: but in humility, let each esteem others better than themselves: Each one not considering the things that are his own, but those that are other men's. For let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus: Who being in the form of God, thought it not robbery to be equal with God: But emptied himself, taking the form of a servant, being made in the likeness of men, and in habit found as a man. He humbled himself, becoming obedient unto death, even to the death of the cross. For which cause God also hath exalted him, and hath given him a name which is above all names: Philippians 2: 3-9

Take heed that you do not your justice before men, to be seen by them: otherwise you shall not have a reward of your Father who is in heaven. Therefore, when thou dost an almsdeed, sound not a trumpet before thee, as the hypocrites do in the synagogues and in the streets, that they may be honoured by men. Amen I say to you; they have received their reward. Matthew 6: 1-2

He riseth from supper, and layeth aside his garments, and having taken a towel, girded himself. After that, he putteth water into a basin, and began to wash the feet of the disciples, and to wipe them with the towel wherewith he was girded. John 13: 4-5

I am come a light into the world; that whosoever believeth in me, may not remain in darkness. And if any man hear my words, and keep them not, I do not judge him: for I came not to judge the world, but to save the world. He that despiseth me, and receiveth not my words, hath one that judgeth him; the word that I have spoken, the same shall judge him in the last day. John 12: 46-48

Now this I say: He who soweth sparingly, shall also reap sparingly: and he who soweth in blessings, shall also reap blessings. 2 Corinthians 9: 6