

Spiritual Disciplines Within The Church

Chapter 7: Why Serve in the Church?

Introduction:

When you are asked to serve do you do it with a willing and cheerful heart? Do you have to be asked to serve before you decide you will? We should not serve because we feel obligated. We should serve because it brings glory and honor to our Lord.

I. Christians should serve in the church.

A. Service makes us more like Jesus.

1. Jesus came to serve. (*Mark 10:45*)
2. Jesus was willing to humble Himself. (*Luke 22:27*)

B. Service brings glory to God. (*I Peter 4:10-11*)

1. God has given each of us gifts to serve Him with and bring glory to Him.
2. Serving God in His church says that you love Him, and that He is worthy of serving.

C. Service demonstrates a knowledge of God. (*Eph. 2:8-9, Titus 3:5-6, Malachi 3:18*)

D. Service expresses love for God. (*Hebrews 6:10, Gal. 6:10*)

E. Service brings pleasure to God and people.

1. There is delight in doing what we were created to do. (*Eph. 2:10*)
2. When a Christian runs in God's service can feel His pleasure.

F. Service gives pleasure to the one servicing.

G. Service gives pleasure to others and to God. (*Acts 20:17-38*)

1. When you serve in the church it brings pleasure to the people of God (*Acts 20: 17-38*)
2. "For with such sacrifices God is well-pleased." (*Heb. 13:16*)

II. How is your service quotient?

A. Is your church stronger because of you?

B. Do you do a servant's work with a servant's heart?

C. Are you a consistent worker, not a convenience worker? (*II Cor. 6:4-5*)

D. Will you resolve never to retire from serving in the church? (*II Thess. 3:13*)

E. Are you serving faithfully in the church?

1. "She hath done what she could." (*Mark 14:8*)
2. We should be asking, "How much can I serve?"