

Spiritual Disciplines for the Christian Life
Chapters 7-8

From Chapter Seven

1. Would you agree that most servers receive little appreciation for their efforts? If so, why is this? If not, what type of recognition do they receive?

2. On page 145, Whitney quotes 1 Samuel 12:24: "Only fear the LORD and serve him faithfully with all your heart. For consider what great things he has done for you." Whitney goes on to say: "When serving God seems like a burden, remember the 'great things he has done for you' ...
 - a) Take some time and write down the wonderful things God has done for you.

3. From pages 147-148. Read Isaiah 6:6-8. What was Isaiah's response to God? Why?

4. Read Romans 12:4-8. From this passage, what do you consider your gift to be? Why?

5. On page 154-156, Whitney makes the point that serving God is often hard work. He references 1 Corinthians 15:58 and Hebrews 6:10. What promises does God make in these passages concerning our service to him?

From Chapter Eight

6. Why do you think people have difficulty managing their money? Which cultural and personal factors contribute to this difficulty?

7. Which things hinder you from using your time the way God would have you use it? Be honest.
8. From the bottom of page 164. Read Philippians 3:13-14. What is the will of God for us, despite the ways in which we've misused time?
9. From pages 170-171. Is it easy to grasp that God owns everything we possess? Why or why not?
10. On page 176, why do you think Luke likens money to a "master" (Luke 16:13)?
11. From pages 179-180. Why should you give to God willingly, thankfully, and cheerfully?