

On Being a Servant – Questions Chapters 1 thru 5

Chapter 1

1. Write the author's definition of ministry.
2. List the four ways God wants us to minister.

Chapter 2

1. Why has God called us to be distributors and not manufacturers?
2. What one word best summarizes the divine resources God makes available to His servants for ministry?
3. T or F We were saved by grace, through faith, so we must work by grace, through faith as we minister.

Chapter 3

1. What are three ways we should *not* relate to the needs of others?
2. People have many needs. What is their greatest need?

Chapter 4

1. Why does God allow difficult people to show up in our lives?
2. Often times when difficulties come, we ask God, "How can I get out of this?" What question should we ask instead?

Chapter 5

1. What is the most important part of the author's definition of ministry?
2. How do we know when our service to God is glorifying Him?

On Being a Servant Questions Chapters 6 thru 10

Chapter 6

1. T or F. Our ministry is something God does in and through us. What two verses does the author use to illustrate this truth?
2. When does God begin preparing you for the service He has in mind?

Chapter 7

1. Read Colossians 3:23-24. List the order of priority for those to whom we minister.
2. The author complained to God about his perceived mistreatment and the blessing of another ministry worker. What verse did God use to convict him? Write it here.

Chapter 8

1. T or F Ephesians 2:10 speaks only about specific Christian service. Explain.
2. T or F When you fail, the best thing is to throw in the towel. Explain.
3. The Spirit of God impressed the author with a passage *in the course of his regular Bible reading*. How is your Bible reading? What changes will you make, starting today?

Chapter 9

1. Life is built on character, but character is built on decisions. What three things shape our lives and make us either more like or less like Jesus Christ?
2. Why does God make us holy?
3. What behavior results in a holy life?

Chapter 10

1. In Christian service, God works in us to accomplish goals for us. What are four of these goals?
2. What is our purpose as we serve God in ministry?

On Being a Servant Questions Chapters 11 thru 15

Chapter 11

1. Sometimes Christians disagree on issues. What did Augustine say to help us? Write his quote here.
2. Sometimes our service to the Lord is painful and discouraging. Is the work being wasted? What is God doing to help us during this season?

Chapter 12

1. List three reasons why a sense of humor is important in Christian service.

Chapter 13

1. What four things can we learn from Marsden's quote?
2. The difficulty of the task God gives us is one of His loving gifts for our maturity. Why is this a *loving* gift?

Chapter 14

1. Who is the only indispensable person in the Lord's work?
2. List three conditions when we should never resign our ministry.

Chapter 15

1. What questions should the Christian worker ask before leaving a ministry?
2. After waiting on the Lord, praying, and seeking counsel from trusted people, how did the author say we should hear from God when seeking Him about moving to another ministry?

On Being a Servant Questions Chapters 16-20

Chapter 16

1. After we fail, the author suggested five questions we should ask ourselves. What are they?

2. What is the hardest lesson we learn from failure?

Chapter 17

1. T or F Living old is a choice we make.
2. After handing the torch to the next generation, what two blunder must we avoid?

Chapter 18

1. In your own words list the four summary statements the author shares with younger friends serving the Lord.

Chapter 19

1. List six myths about reading.
2. What book does the author say is the best book?

Chapter 20

1. T or F When one spouse has a ministry, then the other does also.
2. Conflict comes when we neglect these five things in our home or church.

On Being a Servant Questions Chapters 21 thru 25

Chapter 21

1. T or F There is joy in serving Jesus, but it depends on what service. Explain.
2. List at least six joys we can expect in our Christian service.

Chapter 22

Chapter 22

1. What is the primary reason we read the Bible?
2. List at least four areas God's Word helps us in our ministries.

Chapter 23

1. What is one of God's goals for our ministry?
2. Why should sharing the gospel, pray for the salvation of others, be important to us?

Chapter 24

1. Are the holy places and holy occasions safe from the sins of selfishness and pride? Why?
2. Does being loyal mean caring for the interests of others? What verses did the author use to illustrate the loyalty message?

Chapter 25

1. Both Moses and Elijah suffered the deep valleys of disappointment and discouragement. How was each one different from the other?

On Being a Servant Questions Chapters 26 thru 30

Chapter 26

1. From where does the joy of the Lord primarily grow? From where does the fear of the Lord grow?
2. Why is it encouraging to know God will find something to praise in each of our Christian services?

Chapter 27

1. What is the first bit of advice the author gives us when we have a bad day?
2. The Lord knows about our off days before they arrive. What Scripture and advice does he give to encourage us?

Chapter 28

1. You can't always help having an enemy, but you can help being an enemy. What is the author's suggested first response when a person wages war on you?
2. If you can't yet personally forgive the one who offended you, what prayer does the author suggest you pray.
3. T or F Sometimes personal differences are never finally settled, and we have to live with them until God decides to act.
What person from the Old Testament did the author use to illustrate this?

Chapter 29

1. When Jesus used the Aramaic word mammon, He personified wealth and described it as a god. What is the definition of mammon?
2. We can't divorce money and ministry. Jesus made it clear that if God can't trust us with money, He can't trust us with the true riches. Write out Luke 16:13 here.

Chapter 30

1. What can we do as we witness the changes happening around the world?