

Serve the LORD with Gladness

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Message Title: Serve the Lord with Gladness

Message Text: Psalm 100

Introduction:

One of the distinctive marks of those that have a personal relationship with Jesus Christ is a desire to serve Him. When Paul wrote his first letter of encouragement to the Thessalonians, he noted that their trust in Christ caused them to turn from idols to serve the living and true God. (1 Thessalonians 1:9) Before Christ, our lives were consumed with serving idols of money, pleasure, self, promotion, pride, opinion and even the “American dream.” After Christ, our life gains a new purpose — to serve Jesus. (2 Corinthians 5:20) Today, let’s be reminded that our service to Christ should not to be a drudgery, but a delight.

1. We are _____ to Serve with Joy

Psalm 100:1–5 Make a joyful noise unto the Lord, all ye lands. 2 Serve the Lord with gladness: Come before his presence with singing. 3 Know ye that the Lord he is God: It is he that hath made us, and not we ourselves; We are his people, and the sheep of his pasture. 4 Enter into his gates with thanksgiving, And into his courts with praise: Be thankful unto him, and bless his name. 5 For the Lord is good; his mercy is everlasting: And his truth endureth to all generations.

DEFINITION—SERVE: to worship a deity, conceived of as serving the deity.

SERVE — WORSHIP (_____x in Scripture)

Luke 2:37 And she was a widow of about fourscore and four years, which departed not from the temple, but served God with fastings and prayers night and day.

DEFINITION—GLADNESS: the feeling of great joy or pleasure; joy, jubilation

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DEFINITION—SINGING: joyful song; a song with words and music characterized by joy.

Psalm 40:3 And he hath put a new song in my mouth, even praise unto our God: Many shall see it, and fear, and shall trust in the Lord.

2. We are _____ to Serve with Joy

NOTE — God gives abilities, talents, skill and wisdom with which to serve Him.

BEZALEEL IN THE BUILDING OF THE TABERNACLE

Exodus 31:1–5 And the Lord spake unto Moses, saying, 2 See, I have called by name Bezaleel the son of Uri, the son of Hur, of the tribe of Judah: 3 And I have filled him with the spirit of God, in wisdom, and in understanding, and in knowledge, and in all manner of workmanship, 4 To devise cunning works, to work in gold, and in silver, and in brass, 5 And in cutting of stones, to set them, and in carving of timber, to work in all manner of workmanship.

DANIEL, HANANIAH, MISHAEL, AND AZARIAH IN BABYLON

Daniel 1:17 As for these four children, God gave them knowledge and skill in all learning and wisdom: and Daniel had understanding in all visions and dreams.

THE NEW TESTAMENT BELIEVER IN THE CHURCH

DEFINITION—GRACE: the outworking of God's goodwill; divine enablement

Romans 12:3–8 For I say, through the grace given unto me, to every man that is among you, not to think of himself more highly than he ought to think; but to think soberly, according as God hath dealt to every man the measure of faith. 4 For as we have many members in one body, and all members have not the same office: 5 So we, being many, are one body in Christ, and every one members one of another. 6 Having then gifts differing according to the grace that is given to us, whether prophecy, let us prophesy according to the proportion of faith; 7 Or ministry, let us wait on our ministering: or he that teacheth, on teaching; 8 Or he that exhorteth, on exhortation: he that giveth, let him do it with simplicity; he that ruleth, with diligence; he that sheweth mercy, with cheerfulness.

_____ (*forthtelling*) — passionate to declare the Word of God.

_____ (*helps*) — love to serve behind the scenes and help people in a variety of ways.

_____ — an ability and desire to teach God's truth and help people understand how His Word applies to their lives.

_____ (*encouragement*) — an ability and desire to encourage other in the Christian life.

_____ — an ability and desire to give to God's work and God's people. It is accompanied by the provision to give.

_____ (*administration*) — an ability to lead and administrate part of God's work. It reveals itself in a natural ability to organize, think strategically, implement a plan, or coordinate teams of people. Find joy in order and progress.

_____ — a God-given ability to feel the pain of others and help them through difficult times.

1 Peter 4:11 If any man speak, let him speak as the oracles of God; if any man minister, let him do it as of the ability which God giveth: that God in all things may be glorified through Jesus Christ, to whom be praise and dominion for ever and ever. Amen.

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NOTE — In Moses' final message to Israel, he declared that God not only expected them to serve Him if they wanted to be blessed, but also to serve Him with gladness.

Deuteronomy 10:12 And now, Israel, what doth the Lord thy God require of thee, but to fear the Lord thy God, to walk in all his ways, and to love him, and to serve the Lord thy God with all thy heart and with all thy soul,

Deuteronomy 28:47–48 Because thou servedst not the Lord thy God with joyfulness, and with gladness of heart, for the abundance of all things; 48 Therefore shalt thou serve thine enemies which the Lord shall send against thee, in hunger, and in thirst, and in nakedness,

and in want of all things: and he shall put a yoke of iron upon thy neck, until he have destroyed thee.

Luke 10:40–42 But Martha was cumbered about much serving, and came to him, and said, Lord, dost thou not care that my sister hath left me to serve alone? bid her therefore that she help me. 41 And Jesus answered and said unto her, Martha, Martha, thou art careful and troubled about many things: 42 But one thing is needful: and Mary hath chosen that good part, which shall not be taken away from her.

Philippians 2:17 Yea, and if I be offered upon the sacrifice and service of your faith, I joy, and rejoice with you all.

Conclusion

Psalm 16:11 Thou wilt shew me the path of life: In thy presence is fulness of joy; At thy right hand there are pleasures for evermore.

Matthew 11:28–30 Come unto me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. 29 Take my yoke upon you, and learn of me; for I am meek and lowly in heart: and ye shall find rest unto your souls. 30 For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.

Questions to Consider

Do I serve Jesus with joy?

Do others see my joy in serving Jesus?

When is the last time I can remember serving Jesus with joy? What changed?

What is my next step to joyfully serve Christ?

