

Lesson Notes:

As for Me I Will Serve the Lord

Our blessed Lord and Savior Jesus Christ demonstrated a love for us that is unparalleled in human history. Jesus loved us and died for our sins in spite of suffering rejection, loneliness and constant sorrow in his life. Paul tells us in **Romans 12:1** that it is our obligation to present ourselves as a living sacrifice as our reasonable service to our Lord. Following is a discussion of scripture regarding service to the Lord:

Scriptural Principles

- 1) **To be Christ's Servants we need Christ to be the Foundation of our lives.** - Paul tells us in **Ephesians 2:19-21** that Christ is to be the cornerstone of our lives.
- 2) **To be a good servant we have to be committed.** - In **2 Chronicles 31:21** Hezekiah honored God with "All his heart".
- 3) **Servants of all kinds are needed in our churches.** – Examples include baby sitters, ushers, deacons, elders, teachers, pastors. Martha and Tabitha are examples of worthy servants. Martha served everyone at the table when Christ and his disciples visited Mary, Martha and Lazarus. Tabitha was full of good works and many deeds. – **John 12:2, Acts 9:36-43**
- 4) **Mary served Jesus through an open display of her love for him.** – **John 12:3** The perfume was worth about 300 days salary. In addition, Mary wiped off Christ's feet with her hair. We find that her hair was her glory in **1 Corinthians 11:15**, therefore she was honoring Jesus by wiping off his feet with her hair.
- 5) **Don't bury your talents.** – In **Matthew 25:14-30** we see the parable of the servants with the talents. The servant which buried his talent was sent to Hades.
- 6) **Pastors are to:**
 - **be focused on people.** – **Hebrews 5:1**
 - **be compassionate toward people and have a passion for the Lord.** – **Hebrews 5:2**
 - **face sin head on.** – **Hebrews 5:3**
 - **be called by God.** – **Hebrews 5:4**
- 7) **To be Great in the Kingdom of Heaven you need to serve others.** – In **Mark 10:42-45** we see that Christ tells his disciples that to be great in heaven you must be a servant to others.
- 8) **When we serve Christ lives within us.** – Paul tells us in **Galatians 2:20** that when he serves that Christ lives within him.

- 9) Joshua, when confronted with the idolatry of the children of Israel, said that as for him and his house they will serve the Lord. – Joshua 24:14-15**
- 10) Paul tells us that it is our obligation to present ourselves as living sacrifices to our Lord as our reasonable service. – Romans 12:1**