

Service Without a Spotlight

Serving God is a delight, not a chore.

Time:
7-10 minutes

Focus:
Love, Serving, Leadership

Scriptures

Psalm 37:4
Ephesians 6:7
2 Corinthians 9:12
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Psalm 26:2
2 Corinthians 5:14
Psalm 78:72
Psalm 17:3
Psalm 24:3-4
Acts 20:18-19
Philippians 2:3
Psalm 37:23-24

Parking lot

Write down distracting thoughts here:

Settle in

Take a deep breath. Turn off notifications on your phone. Ask God to help you serve him enthusiastically today, in big ways or small, whether people applaud you or not.

Thought starter

Psalm 37:4 ERV

Enjoy serving the LORD...

Serving God is a delight, not a chore. But when serving becomes a performance, we need a reset. If our hearts are right, our hands will follow.

Here's what we'll learn in this Quick Quiet Time:

- God sees the heart, not the hustle.
- Our motives for serving matter more than our methods.
- Serving God can come with tears and trials, but it still pleases God.

God sees the heart, not just the hustle.

Ephesians 6:7 NCV

Do your work with enthusiasm. Work as if you were serving the Lord, not as if you were serving only men and women.

2 Corinthians 9:12 GW

What you do to serve others not only provides for the needs of God's people, but also produces more and more prayers of thanksgiving to God.

 **Truth bomb:** God doesn't grade our service by how loud it is. He grades it by how pure it is.

- God wants us to enjoy serving him.
- He can see who we are really serving—him or other people.
- When we are truly serving God, our desire is for people to see God rather than to give us attention.



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Notes:

**Reflect**

- Who am I really trying to impress—God or people?
- Would I still serve if no one noticed?

Motives matter more than methods.**Psalm 26:2 NET**

Examine me, O LORD, and test me. Evaluate my inner thoughts and motives.

2 Corinthians 5:14 NIV

For Christ's love compels us, because we are convinced that one died for all, and therefore all died.

Psalm 78:72 NET

David cared for them with pure motives; he led them with skill.



Truth bomb: God would rather have a pure motive than a perfect performance.

- The word “compels” means to urge, drive, or push forward. Paul is saying that the love Jesus showed by dying for us is so powerful, it moves us to live differently.
- We don't follow Jesus because we have to—we follow him because we want to. His love changes our hearts and gives us a new reason to live.

What does this mean in practice?

- **Jesus' love inspires selfless living:** If Jesus gave everything for us, we're called to give our lives back to him—not just in big moments, but in everyday choices.
- **Jesus' love shifts our motivation:** We don't serve to impress people or earn points with God. We serve because we're loved, and we want to love others the same way.

**Reflect**

- What's driving me to serve—love or obligation?
- How can I let Christ's love guide my choices today?
- What's one area where I need to purify my motives?

Supporting scriptures:

- **Psalm 17:3 NET** – “You have scrutinized my inner motives; you have examined me during the night...”
- **Psalm 24:3-4 NET** – “Who is allowed to ascend the mountain of the LORD? Who may go up to his holy dwelling place? The one whose deeds are blameless and whose motives are pure...”

Notes:

👁️ Humility is greater than hype.

Acts 20:19 AMP

And when they arrived he said to them: “You know well how I [lived when I] was with you, from the first day that I set foot in Asia [until now], [19] serving the Lord with all humility and with tears and trials...”

Philippians 2:3 AMP

Do nothing from selfishness or empty conceit [through factional motives, or strife], but with [an attitude of] humility [being neither arrogant nor self-righteous], regard others as more important than yourselves.

💣 **Truth bomb:** Serving God isn't always shiny. Sometimes it's sweaty, tear-streaked, and done in the shadows.

- Real service to God isn't about being seen or praised. It's about being faithful—even when it's hard, even when it's quiet, even when no one claps.
- This verse reminds us that serving the Lord can come with tears and trials. That means it's okay if it's tough. It still pleases God.
- God sees what others don't. He values humility over hype and heart over highlight reels.



Reflect

- Am I willing to serve when it's hard, not just when it's convenient?
- Do I see trials as part of my worship?
- Would I still serve this way if no one ever noticed?

Practice:

- Give your best effort, even in the small stuff.
- Don't serve to be seen. Serve because you're grateful for Jesus.

😊 We don't need a perfect performance because God protects us.

Psalm 37:23–24 NIV

The Lord makes firm the steps of the one who delights in him; though he may stumble, he will not fall, for the Lord upholds him with his hand.



Truth bomb: We don't have to serve God perfectly. We just need to trust God.

- Sometimes our service becomes a performance because we are trying to protect ourselves from failure.
- But God protects us, so we don't have to protect ourselves.

Notes:



Reflect

- Where have I stumbled lately?
- How has God protected me when I've stumbled in the past?



Humor break!

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A mer-maid.

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