

Men's Training Class

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We appreciate your interest in our *Men's Training Class*. It is the purpose of these lessons to help men in their public service unto the Lord. The Bible has much to say about our service.

After you have studied these materials, we hope you will be in better position to serve the Lord to the best of your ability and help others do the same.

Please take your Bible, look up the Scriptures listed, fill in the blanks where called for, and answer any questions. Remember Jesus said:

**“If any man serve me, let him follow me;
and where I am, there shall also my servant be:
if any man serve me, him will my Father honour” (Jn. 12:26).**

If you have any questions or comments as you study these lessons, write them down so you can remember to mention them at the right time and place. Write your name on your material as you will want to keep it for future study.

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What Doth the Lord Require of Thee?

Introduction

1. Before we begin to learn about some of the ways one can serve the Lord, we need to spend some time learning what the Lord requires of us.
2. “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” (Dt. 10:12).
3. This series emphasizes our service unto the Lord. But, the Lord requires much more of us than service. We must also fear the Lord, walk in His ways, and love Him. The person who does these things is properly prepared to serve the Lord.
4. Service is something that is *required* of the Lord. The word “required” suggests the Lord has imposed an *obligation* upon us and makes certain *demands* of us as His people. The Lord requires that we serve Him with heart and soul.
5. The Bible has much to say about service. The word “serve” is used 193 times in the Bible. *Service* is used 116 times. *Serving* is used 7 times, and *servant* 462 times.
6. Let’s notice some things the Bible teaches about serving the Lord.

Discussion

I. **Before We Can Serve The Lord, We Must Follow The Lord**

- A. “If any man serve me, let him _____ me; and where I am, there shall also my servant be: if any man serve me, him will my Father honour” (Jn. 12:26).
- B. In Deuteronomy 10:12, we see that God required fear, the proper walk, love, and then service. An order is presented, in that fear, walking properly and love prompts to service. Therefore, when there is no service, it indicates these things are lacking (Jn. 14:15, 23; Gal. 5:13; 1 Jn. 3:18).
- C. Even the chiefest among men should be the Lord’s servant (Lk. 22:26).
- D. Moses told Israel, “Ye shall _____ after the Lord your God, and _____ him, and _____ his commandments, and _____ his voice, and ye shall _____ him, and _____ unto him” (Dt. 13:4).
- E. Before we begin our service unto the Lord, we must become followers of the Lord through faith and obedience.

II. **Our Service Is Unto The Lord**

- A. “And whatsoever ye do, do it heartily, as _____, and not unto men; Knowing that of the Lord ye shall receive the reward of the inheritance: for ye serve the Lord Christ” (Col. 3:23-24).
- B. Jesus said, “Get thee hence, Satan: for it is written, Thou shalt worship the _____ thy God, and him only shalt thou _____” (Mt. 4:10).

- C. The apostle to the Hebrews spoke of purging your conscience from dead works to _____ the living _____ (Heb. 9:14).
- D. The Thessalonians turned to God from idols to _____ the living and true _____ (1 Th. 1:9).
- E. Moses told Israel, “Thou shalt fear the _____ thy God, and _____ him...” (Dt. 6:13).
- F. As we serve, we must always keep in mind that our service is unto the Lord.

III. **We Must Serve God Acceptably**

- A. “Wherefore we receiving a kingdom which cannot be moved, let us have grace, whereby we may serve God _____ with reverence and godly fear” (Heb. 12:28).
- B. While it is true that God must be served, He must be served *acceptably*. That is to say, not just any kind of service will do. According to Hebrews 12:28, how is it that we serve God acceptably? _____
- C. This is why it is important to do our very best when we serve the Lord.
- D. To serve God acceptably, our service must be in *sincerity* and according to the *truth* of God’s word (Josh. 24:14; Rom. 1:9; Jn. 4:24).

IV. **We Must Serve God Willingly**

- A. The offerings for the building of the tabernacle were to be given from a *willing* heart (Ex. 25:2; 35:5, 21).
- B. If a person has to be coerced into service, it will not be acceptable service.
- C. We should want to serve God because of the many things He has done for us (Jn. 3:16).
- D. The prophet Zephaniah spoke of a time when people would serve God with _____ (Zeph. 3:9).
- E. Notice how David instructed his son, Solomon, to serve God. “And thou, Solomon my son, know thou the God of thy father, and serve him with a perfect heart and with a _____ mind: for the Lord searcheth all hearts, and understandeth all the imaginations of the thoughts: if thou seek him, he will be found of thee; but if thou forsake him, he will cast thee off for ever” (1 Chr. 28:9).

V. **We Must Serve God With The Right Attitude**

- A. Our attitudes are important and are ever showing! Solomon said, “For as he thinketh in his heart, so is he...” (Prov. 23:7).
- B. As we worship and serve the Lord, it is critical that we do it with the very best attitude. Our Lord taught, “God is a Spirit: and they that worship him must worship him in _____ and in truth” (Jn. 4:24).
- C. The Bible teaches that we must serve God and one another out of love (Gal. 5:13).
- D. Paul told the Romans that they were delivered from the law that they might serve in _____ of _____ (Rom. 7:6).
- E. Paul served God *with his spirit* and *in the gospel* (Rom. 1:9).
- F. From the following passages, with what kind of spirit should we serve the Lord?

1. Psalm 100:2 _____
 2. Joshua 24:14 _____
 3. Romans 12:11 _____
- G. The right motive is important when serving the Lord. “Only fear the Lord, and serve him in truth with all your heart: for consider how great things he hath done for you” (1 Sam. 12:24).
- H. Before we serve the Lord, we would do well to take a good look at our attitude.

VI. We Must Not Be Negligent In Our Service

- A. King Hezekiah told the Lord’s servants, “My sons, be not now _____: for the Lord hath chosen you to stand before him, to serve him, and that ye should minister unto him, and burn incense” (2 Chr. 29:11).
- B. The word “negligent” suggests that one is guilty of a due lack of care or concern. We must never be found slack or lax in our service to God.
- C. Do not be found guilty of rushing in at the last minute and giving God less than your very best. Be properly prepared and give it your all!
- D. God will hold us accountable for all that we do (2 Cor. 5:10).

VII. No Man Can Serve Two Masters

- A. Our Lord taught, “No man can serve two masters: for either he will hate the one, and love the other; or else he will hold to the one, and despise the other. Ye cannot serve God and mammon” (Mt. 6:24).
 - B. Far too many try to serve two masters. But, in reality, you cannot serve two masters. Our allegiance for one or the other will finally win out.
 - C. God will accept none of our service unless He has it all. The devil, on the other hand, will accept partial service. Why is the devil willing to accept only partial service?
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- D. If we devote our time and talents to piling up riches (mammon), we will not be able to offer acceptable service unto God (Mk. 12:30).

VIII. We Must Set The Right Example In Service

- A. All of us have influence upon others. We can be a good example of a servant, when we are faithful and diligent in our service unto the Lord.
- B. Joshua set a good example of service. He told Israel, “And if it seem evil unto you to _____ the Lord, choose you this day whom ye will serve; whether the gods which your fathers served that were on the other side of the flood, or the gods of the Amorites, in whose land ye dwell: but as for _____ and my house, we will serve the Lord” (Josh. 24:15).
- C. Paul told Timothy to be an _____ of the believers (1 Tim. 4:12).
- D. What kind of example are you setting in service unto God?

IX. We Must Serve The Lord With Heart And Soul

- A. Joshua told Israel, “But take diligent heed to do the commandment and the law, which Moses the servant of the Lord charged you, to love the Lord your God, and to walk in all his ways, and to keep his commandments, and to cleave unto him, and to _____ him with _____ your _____ and with _____ your _____” (Josh. 22:5).
- B. We must remember that God “searcheth the hearts” (Rom. 8:27). It would be futile to try and serve the Lord from an hypocritical heart (Mt. 15:7-9).
- C. God has always demanded heart and soul. “And it shall come to pass, if ye shall hearken diligently unto my commandments which I command you this day, to love the Lord your God, and to serve him with all your heart and with all your soul” (Dt. 11:13; 10:12; 1 Sam. 12:20, 24).
- D. We might use the idiom, “from the bottom of one’s heart.” That is to say, with the deepest appreciation and most sincerely.

Conclusion

- 1. It is never vain to serve the Lord (Mal. 3:14).
- 2. The Lord will honour those who serve Him (Jn. 12:26).