

COMMITMENT TO SERVE (Luke 22:25-27)

Commitment – (to turn over to someone for safekeeping or confinement, to pledge, to perform.)

SAVED TO SERVE

Luke 22:24 Becoming a servant is contrary to the spirit of worldly thinking. At this time the Apostles thought they were preparing to reign with Christ as He set up His Kingdom. At the time Jesus needed their devotion and concern the most they were concerned about their position in the Kingdom.

John 13:3-7 Based on how the Apostles were acting and to show them an example, Jesus took a bowl of water and a towel and began to wash the dirty feet of His Apostles.

II Timothy 1:12 Paul is expressing the very act of every believer when we accept Christ's invitation of eternal life. We are actually committing our eternal existence to His care as our Master and Lord.

Romans 12:1-2 The only “reasonable” thing a person should do for a King who has purchased (redeemed) them from a life of slavery to sin is to serve that King with all their heart. For a church to be strong it needs every believer to serve with their spiritual gifts without being begged or appointed.

WHY WE SERVE

I Peter 4:10-11 Peter makes it clear that we are to serve God for two reasons: to serve others and to bring praise to God. Serving is not about us receiving attention or glory, it is for Him to get the glory.

II Corinthians 4:5 We can express our love and commitment to God through our service for others.

Romans 8:29 It has always been God's intention that each and every believer be “conformed” to be like Jesus. The fact that Jesus was sent to be the greatest servant in history proves that we are to serve.

I Corinthians 13: 1-7 Many believers go through the motions of service but Paul makes it clear that genuine service to God cannot be separated from love. We love God by loving and serving others.

Hebrews 6:10 The bible offers several reasons to serve God and one is because God will reward us.

Matthew 22:35-40 These familiar verses offer the real reason we are to serve God and that is we are commanded to serve Him. To love God is not to have a warm, fuzzy feeling about Him. True love will equal obedience and obedience toward God will equal service to God and toward others.

I John 3:18 It is impossible to get away from the fact that true Godly love will involve serving.

HOW WE SERVE

Romans 6:16-22 Paul is speaking of “the old man verses the new man” to the saints in Rome. He is telling us to get our focus off ourselves and get it on others in order to get fruit from our service.

Galatians 5:13 In virtually every Epistle Paul writes he expresses God's concern that we love God by serving others on God's behalf.

Galatians 6:9-10 Paul again emphasizes to the believer the need for us to look for “opportunities” to serve others: example- help the elderly, send cards to the sick, buys groceries for the hungry, make yourself available to help the brethren, don't wait for someone to cry out for help, be observant.

I Corinthians 12:4-7 We should all be aware by now that God provides spiritual gifts to every believer in order for the local church body to grow and mature. We can serve the church body in many areas: example- nursery, bus ministry, Sunday school, choir, cleaning, visiting nursing homes, calling and visiting shut-ins, Christian school help, missions, food pantry supply, ushering, tract ministry, maintenance help, etc.