

G R E A T B I B L E W O R D S

Service

Introduction: What are the benefits of Christian service? What holds people back from serving? It is often difficult to serve others because we might feel unappreciated. However, the Bible speaks often about servanthood (over 1,000 passages). Leadership roles of “deacons” and “ministers” bear these titles in their job description. All of us are called to serve! Let's study together...

Discussion:

I. Christians Are Called To Serve

- A. We are called to serve effectively (**Colossians 1:24-2:5**).
- B. We are called to serve reasonably (**Romans 12:1-2**).
- C. We are called to serve functionally (**Ephesians 4:11-16**).
- D. We are called to serve naturally (**I Corinthians 12:12-30**).

II. Christians Are Blessed To Serve

- A. We are blessed to shine our light (**Matthew 5:13-16**).
- B. We are blessed to show our talents (**Matthew 25:14-30**).
- C. We are blessed to share our gifts (**John 15:1-8**).
- D. We are blessed to serve our God (**Deuteronomy 13:4**).

III. Deacons Are Needed To Serve

- A. They are men of dignity (**I Timothy 3:8**).
- B. They are not double-tongued (**I Timothy 3:8**).
- C. They are not addicted to wine (**I Timothy 3:8**).
- D. They are not fond of disreputable gain (**I Timothy 3:8**).
- E. They are holding to the mystery of faith (**I Timothy 3:9**).
- F. They have a clear conscience (**I Timothy 3:9**).
- G. They have been tested (**I Timothy 3:10**).
- H. They are beyond reproach (**I Timothy 3:10**).
- I. They are the husband of one wife (**I Timothy 3:12**).
- J. They are good managers of their children (**I Timothy 3:12**).
- K. They are good managers of their household (**I Timothy 3:12**).

IV. The World Needs Christian Service

- A. The necessity of Christian service (**James 2:14-24**).
- B. The goal of Christian service (**Colossians 4:12**).
- C. The cost of Christian service (**Luke 9:23**).
- D. The reward of Christian service (**Matthew 25:31-46**).

Conclusion: When we offer ourselves to serve the Lord He can do some amazing things! Don't worry about whether or not you'll fail, just serve God to the best of your ability! Are you ready to serve? A bright future awaits you! Let's share this wonderful word with others!