

“Five Things - Service”

Do The Will Of God From The Heart

Mt. 6:33; Ephesians 6:5-9; 1 Cor. 15:58
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In the Old Testament sacrifices were consumed on the Temple altar, rising to heaven as thick, black smoke. So the Apostle’s appeal is all the more striking: “present your bodies as a *living* sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship” (Rom 12:1-2). “We don’t always think of service as a means of grace, but we grow as we serve. The more we are able to serve in the kingdom of God, the more Christ-like we become” (*Five Things Every Christian Needs To Grow*, p. 84). Discover the joy of service!

I. _____ first the _____.

- 1) The _____ Olympic ring pictures _____. A promise flowing from _____ #6.
- 2) A “_____ life” centers in Christ and relies _____ in daily living.

II. _____ into your _____ as a servant (_____).

- 1) Do not fall into the _____/_____ trap.
- 2) We are redeemed out of _____ and into _____ (Ex. 3:7-12).
- 3) Render service with a _____ as to the _____ and not to man.

III. _____ from your _____.

- 1) Work from a heart _____ to God and his _____.
- 2) _____ with 1 Corinthians 15:58 on your _____.
- 3) Labor to hear the _____ words: “Well done, good and _____. Enter into the _____ of your Master.” (Mt. 25:21,23)

Application: “Our servanthood should require no supervision. We should not need to have someone constantly watching us to insure that we are working. Our goal should be to please *Christ*, not perform merely for the applause of people. People-pleasers cannot be true servants of Christ. We must keep our eyes on Christ and not on the judges of this world.”

-- R. C. Sproul, *Five Things Every Christ Needs To Grow*, p. 105-106