

A Biblical Worldview of Service

God wants us to...

III: Serve _____

While verse one speaks of yielding your body to Christ, verse 2 speaks of yielding your mind, thinking, and your heart to the things of God. In order to do that, there must be ...

A. a _____

God wants to transform your mind. The Greek word for transform is: *metamorphooô* (met-am-or-fo'-o) which is where we get our English word "metamorphosis". It describes a change from within.

B. a _____

This doesn't speak of a challenge in the sense of "*let's see if you can do this or not*", but rather a challenge in the sense that our motivation be be right. The word _____ means *test / examine*. The motivation of our sacrifice and service should be that it stands the test and examination of Jesus Christ at the Judgment Seat of Christ.

And as each one of you considers this morning your sacrifice and your service to Jesus, ask yourself ...

- Am I willing to serve intentionally ... looking for opportunities to get involved to serve the Lord, my King?
- Am I willing to serve continually, by yielding myself and by making a commitment to let the Lord use me even if it takes me out of my comfort zone?
- Am I willing to serve accordingly by letting God change my thinking and by serving with the motivation of pleasing Him?



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Romans 12:1-2

As we continue our series "*Room with a View*", we come to the topic of service. The world's idea of service is one of convenience, profitability, and selfishness. In other words, any service that we commit to ought to have some return on investment. But the Biblical picture of service is completely different because selfishness and profitability is the opposite of Christ-like service.

This morning we will discover the sacrifice of service and look at 3 principles that will help us develop a Biblical worldview of service.

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For most of us our nature is not serve but rather it is to be served. Therefore, any service to God and to others doesn't just happen but rather it must be intentional.

A. the _____ we serve God and others

We serve God intentionally because God's mercy is intentionally given to us.

Romans 11:30-32 ... ***For as ye in times past have not believed God, yet have now obtained mercy through their unbelief: 31 Even so have these also now not believed, that through your mercy they also may obtain mercy. 32 For God hath concluded them all in unbelief, that he might have mercy upon all.***

B. the _____ of our service to God

God says ... *by way of My mercy upon you, I want your service to Me to be sacrificial in nature, holy and acceptable. I want it to reflect and represent that holy and separated character of my Son, Jesus Christ.*

Our service to God and to others should be intentional. We serve God intentionally because His mercy is intentionally given to us through Jesus and we should intend for our service to be as Christ's service was ... holy and acceptable unto God.

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II: Serve _____

In verse 1 it says ***to present your bodies a living sacrifice***. In other words, because of what God has done for us, He wants us to present unto Him our bodies, not as a dead sacrifice but as a living sacrifice.

To serve God as a living sacrifice requires...

A. _____

The word _____ means *to yield*. We are directed by God to yield our bodies as living sacrifices to God. In the Old Testament, animals were set apart (sanctified) for sacrifice. Their blood would be yielded, shed and applied to the altar and of course the animal would die But Jesus has already died; He has already yielded His life and blood; He has already applied it to the Heavenly altar. And so what we are to give is a living sacrifice of service to Jesus. (Eph. 2:10)

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B. _____

The words _____ is a present active participle in the Greek language and the implication is that one is to sacrificially yield their bodies to ongoing activity. In order to do that, commitment is required. We must first commit to service, the commit to holiness and giving our best, and then commit to continually yielding to the Holy Spirit of God in the area of service for the entirety of our Christian walk.

And every day of our Christian life should be a worship experience when your body is yielded and sacrificed to the Lord for unto good works.
