



Introduction

| • In other words, a person is to "To seek to serve God by Faith." |
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| ~ True Faith Seeks to Serve God for His glory alone ~ |
| Question: How does "Serving by Faith" appear? |
| SERVE BY FAITH |
| 1. Put God First |
| 1 Corinthians 10:21-22 "Ye cannot drink the cup of the Lord, and the cup of devils: ye cannot be partakers of the Lord's table, and of the table of devil vs 22 Do we provoke the Lord to jealousy? are we stronger than he?" |
| a. Follow Christ Jesus alone - Matthew 16:24 |
| Matthew 16:24 "Then said Jesus unto his disciples, If any man will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow me." |
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| b. Flee Temptations - 1 Timothy 6:11 |
| 1 Corinthians 10:12 "Wherefore let him that thinketh he standeth take heed lest he fall." |

Note: Lastly, to live to the glory of God is to "Serve by Faith."

Hebrews 11:6 "But without faith it is impossible to please him: for he that cometh to God must believe that he is, and that he is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him."

Exodus 20:5 "Thou shalt not bow down thyself to them, nor serve them: for I the LORD thy God am a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children unto the third and fourth generation of them that hate me;"

Isaiah 42:8 "I am the LORD: that is my name: and my glory will I not give to another, neither my praise to graven images."

Psalm 115:1 "Not unto us, O LORD, not unto us, but unto thy name give glory, for thy mercy, and for thy truth's sake....vs 4 Their idols are silver and gold, the work of men's hands."

Luke 4:6-8 "And the devil said unto him, All this power will I give thee, and the glory of them: for that is delivered unto me; and to whomsoever I will I give it. vs 7 If thou therefore wilt worship me, all shall be thine. vs 8 And Jesus answered and said unto him, Get thee behind me, Satan: for it is written, Thou shalt worship the Lord thy God, and him only shalt thou serve."

2. Place People Second

1 Corinthians 10:23-24 "All things are lawful for me, but all things are not expedient: all things are lawful for me, but all things edify not. vs 24 Let no man seek his own, but every man another's wealth."

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a. For Sinners - 1 Corinthians 10:28, 33

Note: It is a sad thing to spend time with someone you know that is without Christ and never tell them about Jesus and His plan of Salvation.

| - | Jesus ate with sinners to reach them Luke 14:13-14 | |
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| b. | For Saints - 1 Corinthians 10:32 | |
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3. Position Self Last

1 Corinthians 10:31-33 "Whether therefore ye eat, or drink, or whatsoever ye do, do all to the glory of God. vs.32 Give none offence, neither to the Jews, nor to the Gentiles, nor to the church of God: vs.33 Even as I please all men in all things, not seeking mine own profit, but the profit of many, that they may be saved."

a. Deny Self - Matthew 16:25 "...let him deny himself...."

Someone once said that to deny self is to forget one's self, lose sight of one's self and one's own interests.

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b. Die to Self - 1 Corinthians 15:31 "...I die daily."

 \sim Serving by Faith is to deny self, to live for others and to follow Christ \sim

Conclusion

~ True Faith Seeks, Sustains, Submits and Serves to live to do all things to the glory of God ~

Galatians 6:10 "As we have therefore opportunity, let us do good unto all men, especially unto them who are of the household of faith."

Philippians 2:3-4 "Let nothing be done through strife or vainglory; but in lowliness of mind let each esteem other better than themselves. vs 4 Look not every man on his own things, but every man also on the things of others."

Luke 15:2 "And the Pharisees and scribes murmured, saying, This man receiveth sinners, and eateth with them."

Romans 12:10 "Be kindly affectioned one to another with brotherly love; in honour preferring one another;"

1 Corinthians 13:5 "...seeketh not her own..."

Galatians 2:20 "I am crucified with Christ: nevertheless I live; yet not I, but Christ liveth in me: and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by the faith of the Son of God, who loved me, and gave himself for me."

Colossians 3:2-3 "Set your affection on things above, not on things on the earth. vs 3 For ye are dead, and your life is hid with Christ in God."

John 12:24-26 "Verily, verily, I say unto you, Except a corn of wheat fall into the ground and die, it abideth alone: but if it die, it bringeth forth much fruit. vs 25 He that loveth his life shall lose it; and he that hateth his life in this world shall keep it unto life eternal. vs 26 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."

