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◆ ◆ ◆ INTRODUCTION

We are saved and called to serve the Lord God almighty because of God's infinite goodness and grace to us. Serving the Lord is the highest calling and purpose in each of our lives. In the previous study that I was a part of called "People of the Book," we studied about what we believe as Southern Baptists, who we are and what we do. It is a tremendous blessing to know who God is, what His Word is about, who we are in Christ and what we do as the people of the Book, the Bible. God has also called us as His servants to serve Him for his kingdom. Unlike any other calling, serving the Lord has unique requirements which we will study by consulting a plethora of scriptural verses in this book.

Through consultations with many churches, I have pinpointed common issues in churches today. One of the most significant issues is the lack of leadership — especially servant leadership. There are many who attend church as consumers by attending on Sundays or listening to positive sermons, but they never commit to obey and serve the Lord and His kingdom. These consumers simply enjoy adding another membership to their busy schedules, viewing the church as a means to fill up their emotional tanks or something to be entertained by on the weekends. Consumers do not have a biblically healthy understanding of church or who they are in Christ. While it's hard to say why this happens, it's imperative to remember that the consumerism mentality is fatal to genuine Christian discipleship. Having a real, authentic relationship with Jesus Christ is the first step to living the kingdom life, so before talking about serving the Lord, one must identify whether or not they have a true relationship. The British theologian Charles Spurgeon wrote, "They must be born again from above... There must also be a willingness to obey the Lord in all his commandments."¹ After praying through the genuineness of your faith, it is important to understand that true believers cannot remain as consumers — they must follow God by serving His kingdom. As Jesus Himself came to serve and not to be served (Mark 10:45), His followers are called to serve as well.

This book is divided into three parts: what God's servants are called for, what God's servants prepare for and what God's servants do.

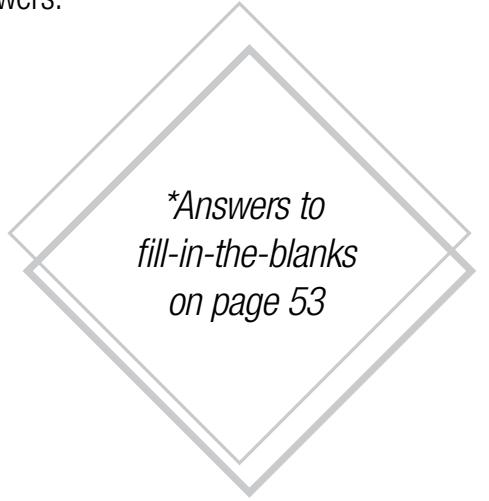
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¹ C. H. Spurgeon, *Soul Winning* (Grand Rapids: Wm. B. Eerdmans Publishing Co, 1963), 29-38.

This study is to be used by churches to raise up leaders to serve His church and His kingdom. It's not to be used only for pastors but also for lay leaders and those who are born again, wanting to serve the Lord in any capacity. As Southern Baptists and people of the Book, we believe in the "priesthood of all believers." "Laypersons have the same right as ordained ministers to communicate with God, interpret Scripture, and minister in Christ's name... This doctrine is first and foremost a matter of responsibility and servanthood, not privilege and license."² Serving the Lord is not limited to serving at a corporate worship service or Sunday school on Sundays, but it is for people in day-to-day jobs, parenthood, school and everywhere in between. Through this book, I pray that you will understand what it means to serve the Lord and His kingdom. I pray that you will apply what you learn in order to grow spiritually and to benefit your local church through serving others and helping them mature to the fullness of Christ — and by doing this expanding God's kingdom for all nations to hear the gospel.

How to use this book:

1. Pray first.
2. Read scriptural references at least three times.
3. Fill in the blanks* and answer additional questions, such as:
 - What does this mean? (Who is God? Who is the world? Who is the church?)
 - What should I do in response to this truth?
4. Memorize a verse per day from pages 41.
5. Watch short daily videos on Servants of God at ncbaptist.org/servantsofgodvideos.
6. Meet with your group once a week to go through questions/answers.
7. Facilitate group discussion by asking:
 - What stood out the most to you? Why?
 - What are you going to do in response to your learning?
 - What is your prayer request based on your learning?
8. Finish with prayer.



*Answers to
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² <http://www.sbc.net/aboutus/positionstatements.asp>



WHAT GOD'S SERVANTS ARE CALLED FOR

Serving the Lord starts with God's calling on your life. We see examples of God's servants called by Him all throughout Scripture, and sometimes His servants are called early in life. "The Servant then describes himself as being *called* from the womb — from before the time of his birth. This language brings to mind Jeremiah's description of his prophetic call (Jeremiah 1:5). Paul considered his apostolic ministry as one designated by God from his mother's womb, or from birth (Galatians 1:15)."³ Unless we are called, we cannot serve Him accordingly. It is vital to know why and what He has called us to. In this section, we are going to study about the purpose of God's calling as His servants and what Scripture says about it. We will also study the relationship between God and His servants as the ones who are called.

1. THE PURPOSE OF GOD'S SERVANTS

Why did God call us to serve? God is omnipotent, and He can do anything by Himself. He does not need us or our help for His kingdom expansion. Despite the fact of who God is, He still calls us to serve Him. "Such mysterious power doth God infuse into the instrumentality which He ordains that we are called 'laborers together with God,' and this is at once the source of our responsibility and the ground of our hope."⁴ We are called as His servants or collaborators mainly to represent Him and reflect His glory among all nations. J. Oswald Sanders said that leaders must have holy ambition that centers on the "glory of God."⁵ Charles Spurgeon also said, "A man who is to be used by God must just believe that what he is going to do is for the glory of God."⁶ Whatever we do, we must do to serve the Lord to glorify His name on the earth.

³ Larry Pechawer, *Poetry and Prophecy*, vol. 3, Standard Reference Library: Old Testament (Cincinnati, OH: Standard Publishing, 2008), 143.

⁴ Spurgeon, *Soul Winning*, 30.

⁵ J. Oswald Sanders, *Spiritual leadership* (Chicago: The Moody Bible Institute, 1994), 14-15.

⁶ Spurgeon, *Soul Winning*, 64.

1. God's servants serve so that God's name would be _____ in all the earth. (Exodus 9:16)
2. We are here to _____ not to be _____ as Jesus came to _____. (Matthew 20:28)
3. God's servants seek the _____ of God. (John 7:18)
4. God's servants do ministries to _____ His sheep. (John 21:16)

5. GOD'S SERVANTS ARE WILLING

TO _____

FOR THE SAKE OF HIS _____.

◆ ◆ ◆ ACTS 9:16

6. God's servants are set apart for the _____ of God. (Romans 1:1)
7. We need to serve others to _____ more of them.
(1 Corinthians 9:19)
8. God's servants are _____ for Christ. (2 Corinthians 5:20)
9. God's grace was given to _____ the unsearchable riches of _____. (Ephesians 3:8)
10. God's servants _____ to light for everyone the _____ of the mystery hidden for ages in God. (Ephesians 3:9)

11. God's servants _____ the saints for the work of
_____. (Ephesians 4:12)
12. We are called to _____ not for the flesh but to
_____ one another through love. (Galatians 5:13)
13. God's servants proclaim His name in order to _____ everyone
_____ in Christ. (Colossians 1:28)
14. God's servants teach Scripture to _____ the man of God for
every _____ work. (2 Timothy 3:17)
15. God's servants _____ the saints showing
_____ for His name. (Hebrews 6:10)
16. God's servants must serve by the _____ God supplies so that
_____ may be glorified through _____.
(1 Peter 4:11)

God uses His servants to equip and serve the saints not for themselves but for building His church to reflect God's glory. With a clear understanding of this purpose, servants of God must seek and serve for God's glory, not for their own glory.

2. GOD AND HIS SERVANTS

In "People of the Book," we studied about triune God — God the Father, God the Son and God the Spirit. In this section, we are going to study about God's servants and their relationship with the triune God. Oftentimes a servant-to-master relationship is viewed as a distant relationship or, perhaps, a business relationship. However, this is far from the biblical concept of a servant and his master's relationship.

A. God the Father and His servants

First and foremost, we are called by God the Father as His children. "Paul used Abba to describe God's adoption of believers as His children (Romans 8:15) and the change in the

believer's status with God that results (Galatians 4:6–7).⁷ This father and child relationship is portrayed as a master and servant relationship between God and His servants.

1. God _____ His servants' descendants. (Exodus 32:13)
2. God _____ His servants by their _____.
(Exodus 33:17)
3. God _____ through his servants and reveals His _____ to His people. (Leviticus 9:23)
4. God has brought His servants out of _____. (Leviticus 25:42)
5. The people of _____ are His servants. (Leviticus 25:55)
6. God has _____ His servants by His great _____ and strong _____. (Nehemiah 1:10)

7. GOD'S SERVANTS MUST _____ THE NAME OF THE LORD.

◆ ◆ ◆ PSALM 113:1

8. God's servants _____ before God and become as His _____. (Jeremiah 15:19)
9. The _____ of God comes to His servants and the _____ of God will be upon His servants. (Ezekiel 1:3)

⁷ Michael Fink, "Abba," ed. Chad Brand et al., *Holman Illustrated Bible Dictionary* (Nashville, TN: Holman Bible Publishers, 2003), 4.

10. As a _____, a servant of God should _____ His word and _____ warning to His people. (Ezekiel 3:17)
11. God's servants should lead people to _____ God. (Hosea 6:3)
12. God will pour out His _____ on His servants. (Joel 2:29)
13. God helped _____ His servant in remembrance of His _____. (Luke 1:54)
14. God's servants _____ in the teaching. (2 John 9)

B. God the Son and His servants

Jesus is not only our Lord and Savior — He's also the ultimate servant. He shows what it means to serve. "Our servant leadership is to be a living statement of who we are in Jesus, an identity evident in how we treat one another and how we demonstrate the love of Jesus to the whole world."⁸

1. JESUS MAKES HIS SERVANTS

OF MEN.

MATTHEW 4:19 ◆ ◆ ◆

2. Jesus came to _____ and to _____ His life as a _____ for many. So whoever would be great must be a _____. (Mark 10:43-45)
3. Those who _____ Jesus must _____ Him and God the Father will _____ them. They will be where _____ is. (John 12:26)

⁸ Ken Blanchard, Phil Hodges, Phyllis Hendry, *Lead Like Jesus*, revised (Nashville: W Publishing Group, 2016), 14.

4. Jesus _____ His disciples' feet as their Lord and teacher and His servants must _____ one another's feet as He did for them. (John 13:14)
5. God's servants who _____ in Jesus will do the same work that He did and _____ works. (John 14:12)
6. God's servants _____ the kingdom of God and _____ about the Lord Jesus Christ with all _____ and without _____. (Acts 28:31)
7. Servants of God have the _____ of Christ. (1 Corinthians 2:16)
8. _____ of Christ and _____ of the mysteries of God must be found _____. (1 Corinthians 4:1-2)
9. We proclaim Jesus Christ as _____ for _____' sake. (2 Corinthians 4:5)
10. Servants of Christ seek the _____ of God. (Galatians 1:10)
11. Servants of God have been _____ with Christ and _____ lives in them. They live by _____ in Christ. (Galatians 2:20)
12. We are His _____, created in Christ Jesus for _____ works. (Ephesians 2:10)
13. We are _____ of Christ, doing the will of _____ from the heart. (Ephesians 6:6)

14. Servants of God must have the _____ of Christ Jesus. Though He was in the form of _____, Jesus _____ Himself by taking the form of a _____. (Philippians 2:5-7)

15. Whatever you do, work _____, as for the _____ and not for men. You are serving the _____ Christ. (Colossians 3:23-24)

16. We are coworkers in the gospel of _____ to _____ and _____ you in your faith.
(1 Thessalonians 3:2)

17. Jesus died for His servants so that they might _____ with Him.
(1 Thessalonians 5:10)

18. Servants of God who share in the _____ calling must consider _____, the apostle and high priest of our confession.
(Hebrews 3:1)

19. God's servants must grow in the _____ and _____ of the Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. (2 Peter 3:18)

Jesus is the Son of God. He is the Messiah. He is God. Yet He showed us what it looks like to be a true servant. He became a servant, humbling Himself in obedience by dying on the cross. In His death, He took our sins upon Himself and made a way for us to spend eternity with Him. God raised Him from the dead and lifted Him up over all things. Now, we can serve as Jesus did by making disciples of all nations.

C. God the Spirit and His servants

"Spiritual leadership requires Spirit-filled people. Other qualities are important; to be Spirit-filled is indispensable. . . . To be filled with the Spirit means simply that the Christian voluntarily surrenders life and will to the Spirit. Through faith, the believer's

⁹ Sanders, *Spiritual Leadership*, 79-81.

personality is filled, mastered, and controlled by the Spirit.”⁹ Without this filling of the Holy Spirit, one cannot fully serve the Lord and His Church as intended. Servants of God must desire to be filled with the Holy Spirit to serve.

1. God will pour out _____ upon His servants. (Joel 2:29)
 2. The _____ of God _____ through God's servants. (Matthew 10:20)
 3. The _____ of truth will guide His people into all the _____. (John 16:13)
 4. When the _____ comes upon you, you will be His _____. (Acts 1:8)
 5. The _____ fell on those who _____ the word through God's servant. (Acts 10:44)
 6. Servants of God are _____ by the _____. (Acts 20:22)
 7. For those who are led by the _____ of God are _____ of God. (Romans 8:14)
- 8. THE HOLY SPIRIT _____
FOR THE SAINTS.
◆ ◆ ◆ ROMANS 8:26**

9. The _____ teaches His servants interpreting
_____ truths to those who are _____.
(1 Corinthians 2:13)

10. Servants of God are given _____ of the _____
for the _____ good.
(1 Corinthians 12:7)

11. Servants of God _____ themselves by the Holy Spirit.
(2 Corinthians 6:4-6)

12. Those who are led by the _____ are not under the
_____. (Galatians 5:18)

13. Servants of God who live by the _____ keep in step with the
_____. (Galatians 5:25)

14. Servants of God toil according to the _____ that He powerfully
_____ within them. (Colossians 1:29)

15. Servants of God received _____ from God and His
_____ teaches them to abide in _____.
(1 John 2:27)

"The resource Jesus provides to all his followers is access to the indwelling and counsel of the Holy Spirit."¹⁰ The Holy Spirit is essential in serving the Lord because He is one of the three persons in one God. He illuminates the gospel truth into His servants' life and ministry. God's mandate for His believers is to serve the kingdom with consistent dependence on the Holy Spirit. We need to depend on the Holy Spirit in every aspect throughout our life and ministry.

¹⁰ Blanchard, Hodges, Hendry, *Lead Life Jesus*, 176.



WHAT GOD'S SERVANTS PREPARE FOR

Becoming a true servant of God is the first step to serving Him. This can only happen when someone has a calling from God and an intimate relationship with Him. The goal of serving is not to promote human glory, but to glorify the Lord at any cost. With this goal in mind, the servants need to prepare accordingly by laying down their lives. Then, God prepares His servants for His ministry service. "Ezekiel, like Isaiah and Jeremiah, was prepared for his ministry by receiving a vision of the glory and majesty of God before he was called to serve the Lord."¹¹ In this section, you will explore Scripture to see how God's servants should prepare to serve Him and which areas of their lives need focused preparation.

1. ATTITUDE OF THE SERVANTS

Having a true servant's heart before the Lord is more significant than doing a task. God's servants must have a humble heart. "Humility is the hallmark of the spiritual leader.... The spiritual leader of today is the one who gladly works as an assistant and associate, humbly helping another achieve great things."¹² Let's see what Scripture says about what attitudes a servant of God must have.

A. Attitude of the Servants of God

1. We need to _____ the ministry God has given us.

(Romans 11:13)

2. Servants of God _____ one another. (Romans 16:1)

¹¹ Charles H. Dyer, "Ezekiel," in *The Bible Knowledge Commentary: An Exposition of the Scriptures*, ed. J. F. Walvoord and R. B. Zuck, vol. 1 (Wheaton, IL: Victor Books, 1985), 1227.

¹² Sanders, *Spiritual Leadership*, 61-62.

3. Servants of God do not proclaim the testimony of God with _____ speech or _____. (1 Corinthians 2:1)

4. We need to be careful not to _____ by thinking that we _____. (1 Corinthians 10:12)

5. Servants of God must be equipped with the weapons of _____ by _____ speech and the _____ of God.
(2 Corinthians 6:7)

6. We are to use our _____ to _____ one another.
(Galatians 5:13)

7. Servants of God _____ service with a good will as to the _____ not to man. (Ephesians 6:7)

8. We are to do all things through God who _____ us.
(Philippians 4:13)

9. WHATEVER WE DO, WE SHOULD DO
EVERYTHING IN THE NAME OF THE

_____ ,

GIVING _____ TO GOD THE
FATHER THROUGH HIM.

◆ ◆ ◆ COLOSSIANS 3:17

10. Servants of God are to _____ their gifts and
_____ themselves in the work of God. (1 Timothy 4:15)

11. God's servants must not be quarrelsome but _____ to everyone, able to _____, patiently enduring _____, correcting his opponents with _____. God may perhaps grant them _____ leading to a knowledge of the truth.

(2 Timothy 2:24-25)

12. Servants of God _____ up one another to _____ and good works. (Hebrews 10:24)

13. Servants of God _____ that they become perfect and _____. (James 1:4)

14. Servants of God must _____ themselves before the _____. (James 4:10)

15. Servants of God are _____ unto _____, and God will give them the _____ of life. (Revelation 2:10)

Servants of God must humble themselves just as Jesus humbled Himself and gave Himself for us. Integrity is a key factor in servanthood, and a servant of God must be the same whether they are in front of God or people. J. Oswald Sanders wrote, "Surely the spiritual leader must be sincere in promise, faithful in discharge of duty, upright in finances, loyal in service, and honest in speech."¹³

B. Problematic examples of a servant of God

Although Scripture mentions a multitude of great servants of God, it also mentions bad examples of servants and leaders. By looking at the stories of their lives, we can learn not to follow their negative examples. These problematic leaders loved sin more than God and they were not effective for God and His kingdom. Just as Charles Spurgeon said, "No doubt a great obstacle to soul-winning is the love of sin."¹⁴

¹³ Sanders, *Spiritual Leadership*, 62.

¹⁴ Spurgeon, *The Soul Winner*, 119.

1. Israel's watchmen were _____; they were all without _____. (Isaiah 56:10)
2. Foolish prophets follow their own _____ and have seen _____. (Ezekiel 13:3)
3. Shepherds of Israel fed _____ only and did not feed their _____. (Ezekiel 34:2)
4. Problematic servants do not _____ the weak and do not seek the _____ but rule them with _____. (Ezekiel 34:4)

5. HYPOCRITICAL LEADERS DO NOT _____ THE KINGDOM OF HEAVEN NOR _____ THOSE WHO WOULD ENTER TO GO IN. ◆ ◆ ◆ MATTHEW 23:13

6. Hypocritical leaders _____ appear beautiful, but within are full of all _____. (Matthew 23:27)
7. Worthless servants will be cast into the outer _____. (Matthew 25:30)
8. Problematic servants like the places of _____ yet _____ widow's houses. (Mark 12:39-40).

9. Problematic servants teach a _____ doctrine. (1 Timothy 1:3)

10. Problematic servants promote _____ rather than the _____ from God that is by faith. (1 Timothy 1:4)

11. Having the appearance of _____, but denying its _____. (2 Timothy 3:5)

12. Problematic servants profess to _____ God but _____ Him by their works. (Titus 1:16)

13. For whoever knows the _____ thing to do and fails to do it, for him it is _____. (James 4:17)

14. False prophets are not from _____. (1 John 4:1)

Servants of God are humans and, of course, not God Himself. However, that does not mean that they should resemble worldly leaders. As the church is set apart from the world, the servants or leaders in the church must be set apart from the world. They are to keep themselves pure from immorality as clean vessels for the Lord.

2. A SERVANT'S LIFE

What areas in life should the servants of God prepare to serve? There are three important areas they need to prepare to serve: Word, prayer and worship. Servant leaders must discipline themselves in these three areas to serve their church congregation and reach the lost for God's kingdom.

A. Servants of God and the Word

Servants of God are to handle God's Word accurately. As Ezra made up his mind to study, obey and teach the Word, the servants of God must study God's Word carefully, obey it whole-heartedly and teach it powerfully.

1. Servants of God _____ the law of God, _____ it and _____ it. (Ezra 7:10)

2. Servants of God have His _____ in them. (Jeremiah 5:13)
3. Jesus said to go in the world and proclaim the _____ to the whole creation. (Mark 16:15)
4. Servants of God must share the good news about _____.
(Acts 8:35)
5. Paul was _____ with the word, _____ to the Jews that Jesus is the Christ. (Acts 18:5)
6. Servants of God must declare the _____ counsel of God.
(Acts 20:27)
7. Servants of God rightly _____ the word of truth. (2 Timothy 2:15)
8. Through _____, servants of God must be _____ for every good work. (2 Timothy 3:17)
9. Servants of God must _____ the word in season and out of season. (2 Timothy 4:2)
10. God will put His law on their _____, and write them on their _____. (Hebrews 10:16)

11. SERVANTS OF GOD SEARCH AND INQUIRE THE TRUTH [REDACTED].

◆ ◆ ◆ 1 PETER 1:9-10

12. Servants of God always need to be prepared to make a _____ to anyone who asks them for a reason for the _____ that is in them. (1 Peter 3:15)

13. Do not _____ or _____ from God's word.
(Revelation 22:18-19)

Servants of God must be equipped by the Word and know how to handle it in order to serve the congregation well. The Word of God must be the center of all they do. As Spurgeon wrote, leaders need to preach, "...not about the gospel, but the gospel,- the full, free, glorious gospel of the living Christ who is the incarnation of the good news."¹⁵

READ SCRIPTURE IN THIS WAY

READ: Read the scriptural passage several times.

ENGAGE: Get to know the context of the passage and the meaning of the text (who is God, who is the world and who is the church?).

APPLY: Meditate on what God is speaking to you from the passage and what you need to do.

DO: Obey what you have learned from the text.

B. Servants of God and Prayer

Servants of God are a people of prayer. "The spiritual leader should outpace the rest of the church, above all, in prayer... People are difficult to move; it is much easier to pray for things or provisions than to deal with the stubbornness of the human heart. But in just these intricate situations the leader must use God's power to move human hearts in the direction he believes to be the will of God. Through prayer the leader has the key to that complicated lock."¹⁶

¹⁵ Spurgeon, *Soul Winning*, 106.

¹⁶ Sanders, *Spiritual Leadership*, 85-90.

1. Servants of God must _____ continually for people and _____ them in the good and right way. (1 Samuel 12:23)
2. Daniel _____ as he had done _____ regardless of the situation. (Daniel 6:10)

3. PRAY TO YOUR _____ WHO IS IN _____. ◆ ◆ ◆ MATTHEW 6:6

4. We should always _____ and not _____ heart.
(Luke 18:1)
5. Jesus prayed _____. (Luke 22:44)
6. We are to devote ourselves to _____ with one
_____. (Acts 1:14)
7. We must devote ourselves to _____ and to the ministry of the
_____. (Acts 6:4)
8. Servants of God pray at _____ times in the
_____. (Ephesians 6:18)
9. We should not be anxious about anything but we must make our requests known
to God by _____ with _____. (Philippians 4:6-7)
10. Continue steadfastly in _____, being watchful in it with
_____. (Colossians 4:2)

11. Pray for the _____ of God that God would open to them a door for the _____, to declare the mystery of _____
(Colossians 4:3)
12. _____ for all people. (1 Timothy 2:1)
13. _____ of the church should _____ over those who are sick. (James 5:14)
14. Elijah was a man like us and he _____ fervently and God answered his prayer mightily. (James 5:17)

As Samuel committed himself to pray without ceasing, we are to devote our time to pray in season and out of season. J. Oswald Sanders wrote, “Spiritual leaders should know the experience of praying in the Spirit as part of their daily walk.” Prayer is communication between us and God. Through constant prayer, we can commune with God and minister effectively and powerfully to people with His power and wisdom.¹⁷

PRAY IN THIS WAY

PRAISE: GIVE THANKS TO THE LORD FOR WHO HE IS.

REPENT: ACKNOWLEDGE YOUR SIN BEFORE THE LORD.

ASK: ASK FOR YOUR SPIRITUAL NEEDS AND THE SPIRITUAL NEEDS OF THE PEOPLE AROUND YOU TO BE MET.

YIELD: SURRENDER TO THE LORD AND OBEY EVERYTHING HE COMMANDS YOU TO DO.

¹⁷ Sanders, *Spiritual Leadership*, 89.

C. Servants of God and Worship

Servants of God do not need to be worship leaders to worship the Lord. Elvis E. Cochrane said, “The pastor is a worshiper while at the same time directing the congregation in worship. Leadership is the ability to lead.”¹⁸ The Lord is worthy to be praised among all nations, and we are to worship Him for who He is.

1. As people were praising the Lord, priests could not stand to minister because of the cloud, for the _____ of the Lord filled the _____ of God. (2 Chronicles 5:13-14)

2. LET US _____ TO THE LORD: LET US MAKE A _____ NOISE TO THE ROCK OF OUR SALVATION! ◆ ◆ ◆ PSALM 95:1

3. _____ the Lord, oh my soul. (Psalm 103:1)
4. Servants of the Lord who stand by _____, bless the Lord. (Psalm 134:1)
5. Let the high _____ of God be in their throats and two-edged _____ in their hands. (Psalm 149:6)
6. You shall _____ the Lord your God and Him only shall you _____. (Matthew 4:10)
7. True worshippers will _____ the Father in _____ and _____. (John 4:23)

¹⁸ Elvis E. Cochrane, “The Pastor as Worshiper,” ed. Ralph G. Turnbull, *Baker’s Dictionary of Practical Theology* (Grand Rapids, MI: Baker Book House, 1967), 305.

8. When Paul and Silas were praying and _____ hymns to God, everyone's bonds were unfastened. (Acts 16:25-26)

9. PRESENT YOUR _____ AS
A LIVING SACRIFICE, HOLY AND
ACCEPTABLE TO GOD, WHICH IS
YOUR SPIRITUAL _____.
ROMANS 12:1 ◆ ◆ ◆

10. Address one another in _____, _____ and spiritual _____, singing and making melody to the Lord with your _____. (Ephesians 5:19)

11. Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly, teaching and admonishing one another in all wisdom, _____ psalms and hymns and _____ songs, with _____ in your hearts to God. (Colossians 3:16)

12. Through Jesus let us continually offer up a sacrifice of _____ to God. (Hebrews 13:15)

13. Is anyone among you suffering? Let him _____. Is anyone cheerful? Let him sing _____. (James 5:13)

Servants of God must have a humble attitude toward God. His or her life must be surrounded by other servants sharing their lives in the Word, prayer and praises — what a wonderful life the servants of God must have! Being committed to the Word, prayer and praise is not a mundane way of life; rather, it is a lifestyle that naturally springs up as we serve the Lord. Now, we will turn our attention to what the servants of God must do.



WHAT GOD'S SERVANTS DO

There are three major parts in this last section regarding what the servants of God do: discipline, care and abide. To serve the Lord, God's servants must constantly discipline themselves to serve Him purely and holistically. They are also called to serve the saints and the lost world by caring for them. Lastly, God's servants must always need to abide in Him in order to be used by God and to be effective for His kingdom. Let's look at them one by one.

1. DISCIPLINE

Servants need to practice godly self-discipline. "Before we can conquer the world, we must first conquer the self. . . If a leader demonstrates strong self-discipline, others will sense that and usually cooperate with the expectations placed on them."¹⁹ Without disciplining ourselves, we certainly cannot discipline others.

A. Servants of God and the mortal body

1. Let not _____ therefore reign in your mortal _____, to make you obey its passions. Do not present your members to _____ as instruments for unrighteousness, but present yourselves to _____ as those who have been brought from death to life, and your members to _____ as instruments for righteousness. (Romans 6:12-13)

2. Present your _____ as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to _____, which is your spiritual worship. (Romans 12:1)

¹⁹ Sanders, *Spiritual Leadership*, 52-55.

3. The body is not meant for sexual _____, but for the _____, and the Lord for the _____.
(1 Corinthians 6:13)
4. Your _____ are members of _____. (1 Corinthians 6:15)
5. Your _____ is the _____ of the Holy Spirit within you. You are not your _____. (1 Corinthians 6:19)
6. For you were bought with a _____. So glorify God in your _____. (1 Corinthians 6:20)

7. SO, WHETHER YOU EAT OR DRINK, OR WHATEVER YOU DO, DO ALL TO THE _____ OF GOD.

◆ ◆ ◆ 1 CORINTHIANS 10:31

8. This should be our eager expectation that we will not be at all _____, but that with full courage now as always Christ will be _____ in our _____, whether by life or by death. (Philippians 1:20)
9. In my _____ I am filling up what is lacking in Christ's afflictions for the sake of His body, that is, the _____. (Colossians 1:24)
10. These are a _____ of the things to come, but the substance belongs to _____. (Colossians 2:17)

11. Now may the God of peace Himself _____ you completely,
and may your whole spirit and soul and _____ be kept
_____ at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.

(1 Thessalonians 5:23)

Servants of God must keep their bodies pure and blameless to be used by God. Oftentimes, today's culture encourages people to use their body for pleasure, bringing many temptations of the flesh. So we must be careful to remain pure in God's eyes.

B. Servants of God and holiness

God's servants must be holy. Spurgeon once said, "An unholy ministry would be the derision of the world, and a dishonor to God. . . . let a man once become really holy, even though he has but the slenderest possible ability, he will be a more fit instrument in God's hand than the man of gigantic acquirements, who is not obedient to the divine will, nor clean and pure in the sight of the Lord God Almighty."²⁰

1. We shall be _____ for God is _____.
(Leviticus 11:45)

2. GOD'S TEMPLE IS _____
YOU ARE THAT _____.
1 CORINTHIANS 3:17 ◆ ◆ ◆

3. Let us _____ ourselves from every defilement of body and spirit,
bringing _____ to completion in the fear of God.
(2 Corinthians 7:1)

4. Even as He _____ us in Him before the foundation of the world,
that we should be _____ and _____ before
Him. (Ephesians 1:4)

²⁰ Spurgeon, *Soul Winning*, 47.

5. Do all things without grumbling or disputing, that you may be _____ and _____, children of God without _____ in the midst of a crooked and twisted generation.
(Philippians 2:14-15)

6. Jesus has now reconciled in His body of flesh by His death, in order to present you _____ and _____ and above _____ before Him. (Colossians 1:22)

7. For this is the will of God, your _____: that you abstain from sexual immorality. (1 Thessalonians 4:3)

8. FOR GOD HAS NOT CALLED US FOR IMPURITY, BUT IN _____.

◆ ◆ ◆ 1 THESSALONIANS 4:7

9. It is made holy by the _____ of God and _____.
(1 Timothy 4:5)

10. Do not take part in the sins of others and keep yourself _____.
(1 Timothy 5:22)

11. Servants of God cleanse themselves from what is dishonorable, they are vessels for honorable use, set apart as _____, _____ to the master of the house, ready for every _____ work.
(2 Timothy 2:21)

12. No one will see the Lord without _____. (Hebrews 12:14)

13. He who called you is _____, you also be _____ in all your conduct. (1 Peter 1:15)

14. And everyone who hopes in Him _____ himself as he is _____. (1 John 3:3)

Holiness is the product of a saved child of God — it's part of the process of becoming like Him. God uses His holiness in His servants lives to impact the world for His glory. We are saved by God's grace alone, so let's strive for holiness in our day-to-day lives for God's glory and for the ministry He has given to us.

C. Servants of God and spirituality

Servants of God must discipline themselves to develop their spirituality. "These new leaders were first and foremost to be full of the Spirit. Spirituality is not easy to define, but you can tell when it is present. It is the fragrance of the garden of the Lord, the power to change the atmosphere around you, the influence that makes Christ real to others."²¹

1. The Lord used to speak to His servant face to face, as a man speaks to his _____. (Exodus 33:11)
2. Keep the commandments of the Lord your God by _____ in His ways and by _____ Him. (Deuteronomy 8:6)
3. THE SPIRIT OF THE LORD _____
BY ME: HIS WORD IS ON MY _____.
2 SAMUEL 23:2 ◆ ◆ ◆

4. What the _____ says to me, that I will _____.
(1 Kings 22:14)

²¹ Sanders, *Spiritual Leadership*, 31.

5. Servants of God look out to _____ what He will say to them.
(Habakkuk 2:1)
6. For it is not _____ who speak, but the _____ of your Father speaking through you. (Matthew 10:20)
7. The Righteous _____ of the law is fulfilled in those who walk according to the _____. (Romans 8:4)
8. We are His _____, created in Christ Jesus for good _____, which God prepared beforehand that we should _____ in them. (Ephesians 2:10)
9. Servants of God bear _____ of the Holy Spirit. (Galatians 5:22)
10. Servants of God walk in a manner _____ of the Lord, fully _____ to Him: bearing fruit in every good work and increasing in the knowledge of God. (Colossians 1:10)
11. Those who _____ in Christ should walk in the same way in which Christ walked. (1 John 2:6)
12. Servants of God are in the _____. (Revelation 1:10)

Servants of God must strive for an intimate relationship with God at all cost. By reading His Word and obeying it, we can do so much more than simply following a religious activity — we can have an intimate relationship with God. . As David was called a man after God's own heart, servants of God must be men and women after God's own heart.

²² John A. Martin, "Luke," in *The Bible Knowledge Commentary: An Exposition of the Scriptures*, ed. J. F. Walvoord and R. B. Zuck, vol. 2 (Wheaton, IL: Victor Books, 1985), 216.

2. CARE

Servants of God have ministries God has given to them to take care of. There are three major care ministries they are to do: healing, spiritual warfare and ministry among the saints.

A. Servants of God and healing ministry

In the New Testament, we see Jesus healing many sick. [Those] “healings authenticated Jesus’ claim to be the Messiah.”²² It is to proclaim that Jesus is the Lord. Likewise, servants of God should continue what Jesus did to proclaim who He is and to glorify His name among all nations.

1. Servants of God must _____ to God for healing.
(Numbers 12:13)

2. God sent out His _____ and _____ them.
(Psalm 107:20)

3. JESUS _____ THE GOSPEL
EVERYWHERE AND _____ EVERY
DISEASE AND EVERY AFFLICTION.
MATTHEW 9:35 ◆ ◆ ◆

4. Jesus gave the servants of God _____ over unclean spirits, to cast them out, and to _____ every disease and every affliction.
(Matthew 10:1)

5. Heal the _____, raise the dead, _____ lepers,
cast out demons. (Matthew 10:8)

6. _____ the sick and proclaim the _____ of God.
(Luke 10:9)
7. Peter healed the sick in the name of _____
_____ not with silver and gold. (Acts 3:6)
8. _____ heals you; rise and make your
bed. (Acts 9:34)
9. That even handkerchiefs or aprons that had touched Paul's skin were
carried away to the sick, and their _____ left them and the
_____ spirits came out of them. (Acts 19:12)
10. Is anyone among you sick? Let him call for the _____ of the
church, and let them _____ over him, anointing him with oil in
the name of the Lord. (James 5:14)
11. The prayer of _____ will save the one who is
_____, and the _____ will raise him up.
(James 5:15)

Healing is the ministry of Jesus and His servants. The ultimate purpose is not only to heal physically but also to proclaim the gospel of Christ for His mighty works. God uses modern day technology, as well as supernatural healing, to point a hurting world to Himself.

B. Servants of God and spiritual warfare

As servants of God minister to people, especially the lost, through sharing the gospel, spiritual warfare becomes a constant reality. "We should regard the Christian Church, not as an association for mutual admiration and comfort, but as an army with banners, marching to the fray, to achieve victories for Christ, to storm the strongholds of the foe, and to add province after province to the Redeemer's Kingdom."²³

²³ Spurgeon, *Soul Winning*, 204.

1. _____ is significant in spiritual warfare. (Mark 9:29)
2. In _____ name, they will cast out demons. (Mark 16:17)
3. Jesus has given His servants _____ to tread on serpents and scorpions, and over all the power of the _____, and nothing shall hurt you. (Luke 10:19)
4. We are more than _____ through Him who loved us. (Romans 8:37)
5. For the weapons of our warfare are not of the _____ but have divine power to destroy strongholds. We destroy arguments and every lofty opinion raised against the _____ of God, and take every thought captive to obey _____. (2 Corinthians 10:4-5)
6. Stand therefore, having fastened on the belt of _____, and having put on the breastplate of _____, and, as shoes for your feet, having put on the _____ given by the gospel of peace. In all circumstances take up the shield of _____, with which you can extinguish all the flaming darts of the evil one; and take the helmet of _____, and the sword of the _____, which is the _____ of God. (Ephesians 6:14-17)

7. _____ THE DEVIL AND HE WILL FLEE FROM YOU. **JAMES 4:7 ◆ ◆ ◆**

8. Servants of God are _____, and the _____ of God abides in them, and they have _____ the evil one. (1 John 2:14)

9. Servants of God have conquered him by the _____ of the Lamb and by the _____ of their testimony, for they loved not their lives even unto _____. (Revelation 12:11)

God's servants are in a constant battle against the one who seeks to kill and destroy, but the ultimate battle has already been won in Christ. We are fighting the winning game — therefore we can take great comfort and confidence in Christ's victory over the evil one.

C. Servants of God and the saints

God's servants must serve with compassion. "The Lord Jesus Christ wept over Jerusalem, and you will have to weep over sinners if they are to be saved through you."²⁴ With Christ-like compassion and fatherly love, servants of God can minister to the hearts of the saints.

1. Servants of God know well the condition of their _____, and give _____ to their herds. (Proverbs 27:23)
2. The sheep follow the shepherd and they know his _____.
(John 10:4)
3. Servants of God are called to be _____ together first.
(1 Corinthians 1:2)
4. There are countless _____ in Christ, but there are not many _____. Servants of God are to be a father in Christ Jesus through the gospel. (1 Corinthians 4:15)
5. We are bought with a _____ so we should not become bondservants of _____. (1 Corinthians 7:23)
6. _____ the saints. (Ephesians 4:12)

²⁴ Spurgeon, *Soul Winning*, 63.

7. Servants of God set for _____ an _____ in speech, in conduct, in love, in faith, in purity. (1 Timothy 4:12)
8. _____ the saints. (Hebrews 6:10)
9. _____ for the saints. (James 5:16)
10. _____ the flock of God that is among you, exercising oversight, not under compulsion, but _____, as God would have you; not for shameful gain, but _____; not domineering over those in your charge, but being _____ to the flock. (1 Peter 5:2-3)

The servants of God must serve and equip the saints to serve one another as Christ Himself came to serve us, and not to be served. When God's servants display a godly example, it encourages other saints to keep pressing toward Christ.

3. ABIDE

Lastly, the servants of God must abide in Christ constantly, remembering that their body is God's temple. Let's examine our hearts and allow our lives to declare His name to the whole world.

A. Servants of God and the temple of the Holy Spirit

In his noteworthy book "My Utmost for His Highest," Oswald Chambers said, "Have we recognized that our body is the temple of the Holy Ghost? If so, we must be careful to keep it undefiled for Him. We have to remember that our conscious life, though it is only a tiny bit of our personality, is to be regarded by us as a shrine of the Holy Ghost. He will look after the unconscious part that we know nothing of; but we must see that we guard the conscious part for which we are responsible."²⁵ It is the responsibility of God's servants to live as the temple of the Holy Spirit.

1. The unclean person defiles the _____ of the Lord. (Numbers 19:20)

²⁵ Oswald Chambers, *My Utmost for His Highest: Selections for the Year* (Grand Rapids, MI: Oswald Chambers Publications; Marshall Pickering, 1986).

2. The great _____ of the house of Israel drove God far from his
_____. (Ezekiel 8:6)

3. My _____ place shall be with them, and I will be their God, and
they shall be my _____. (Ezekiel 37:27)

4. God takes _____ and He is _____ in His
temple. (Haggai 1:8)

5. For we are God's fellow _____. You are God's field; God's
_____. (1 Corinthians 3:9)

6. WE ARE GOD'S _____ AND HIS _____ DWELLS IN US. ◆ ◆ ◆ 1 CORINTHIANS 3:16

7. Our _____ is a _____ of the Holy Spirit.
(1 Corinthians 6:19)

8. In Him you also are being built together into a _____ place for
_____ by the Spirit. (Ephesians 2:22)

9. There is no agreement between the temple of _____ and
_____. (2 Corinthians 6:16)

B. Servants of God and proven character

Servants of God abide in Christ and bear the fruits of the Holy Spirit. Apart from Christ, no one can do anything. God's servants can show their fruit through abiding in Christ. "Worthy of imitation are furnished especially by those leaders in the churches, and

publishers of the Gospel, who, by the grace of God in Christ, were able to give such an expression to the faith which they have professed and taught, that their *dying corresponded with their life*, and their *death proved a living voucher of their faith.*²⁶

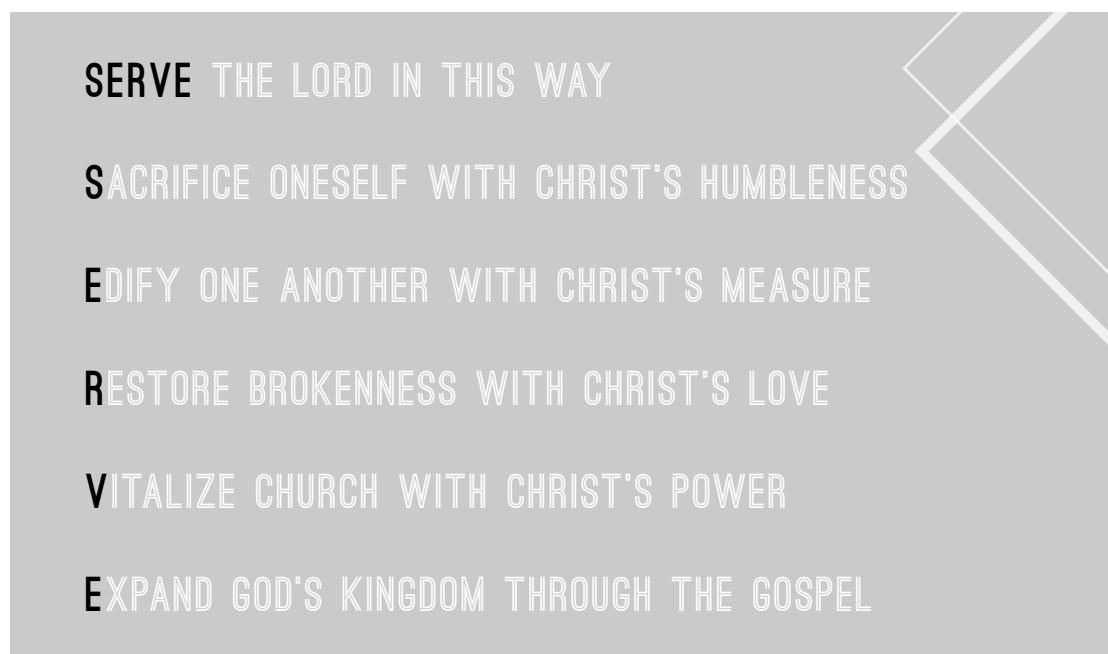
1. Servants of God must _____ their body and keep it under _____, lest after preaching to others they themselves should be disqualified. (1 Corinthians 9:27)
2. Servants of God must _____ every day. (1 Corinthians 15:31)
3. I have been _____ with Christ. It is no longer I who live, but _____ who lives in me. And the life I now live in the flesh I live by _____ in the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself for me. (Galatians 2:20)
4. Those who belong to Christ Jesus have _____ the _____ with its passions and desires. (Galatians 5:24)
5. Servants of God must _____ on toward the goal for the prize of the _____ call of God in Christ Jesus. (Philippians 3:14)
6. An overseer must be above _____, the husband of one wife, sober-minded, self-controlled, _____, hospitable, able to teach, not a drunkard, not violent but _____, not quarrelsome, not a lover of money. He must manage his own _____ well, with all dignity keeping his children submissive, for if someone does not know how to manage his own household, how will he care for God's _____.? He must not be a recent convert, or he may become puffed up with conceit and fall into the condemnation of the devil. Moreover, he must be well thought of by _____, so that he may not fall into disgrace, into a snare of the devil. (1 Timothy 3:2-7)

²⁶ John Peter Lange et al., *A Commentary on the Holy Scriptures: Hebrews* (Bellingham, WA: Logos Bible Software, 2008), 216.

7. Servants of God must not be _____ or quick-tempered or a drunkard or violent or _____ for gain. (Titus 1:7)

8. Servants of God are to be _____ priesthoods to offer _____ sacrifices acceptable to God through _____. (1 Peter 2:5)

Servants of God must live their lives to represent who Christ is so that other people have the opportunity to see Jesus Christ through them. We are to serve the Lord for and in Him. “All leaders serve only for a season. Some seasons are long, some short; some are abundant, some lean; some are recorded and recalled, most are not. But all seasons end. When John the Baptist recognized the ending of his season, he said, ‘Therefore this joy of mine is now complete. He must increase, but I must decrease’ (John 3:29–30). Sometimes a leader is the first to recognize his season’s end, sometimes others recognize it first, and sometimes God lets a season end unjustly for purposes a leader can’t understand at the time. But a servant leader graciously yields his role for the good of Christ’s cause, because his identity and trust are not in his calling, but in his Christ.”²⁷



²⁷ Jon Bloom, *Five Marks of a Servant Leader*, <https://www.desiringgod.org/articles/five-marks-of-a-servant-leader> (Accessed November 18, 2019)

SERVANTS OF GOD



SCRIPTURE MEMORY VERSES

1. The Servants of God's Purpose

1. Exodus 9:16 — But for this purpose I have raised you up, to show you my power, so that my name may be proclaimed in all the earth.
2. Matthew 16:18 — And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it.
3. John 21:16 — He said to him a second time, "Simon, son of John, do you love me?" He said to him, "Yes, Lord; you know that I love you." He said to him, "Tend my sheep."
4. Romans 1:1 — Paul, a servant of Christ Jesus, called to be an apostle, set apart for the gospel of God,
5. 2 Corinthians 5:20 — Therefore, we are ambassadors for Christ, God making his appeal through us. We implore you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God.
6. Ephesians 4:12 — to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ,
7. Hebrews 6:10 — For God is not unjust so as to overlook your work and the love that you have shown for his name in serving the saints, as you still do.

2. God the Father and His servants

1. Exodus 33:17 — And the Lord said to Moses, "This very thing that you have spoken I will do, for you have found favor in my sight, and I know you by name."
2. Leviticus 9:23 — And Moses and Aaron went into the tent of meeting, and when they came out they blessed the people, and the glory of the Lord appeared to all the people.
3. Jeremiah 15:19 — Therefore thus says the Lord: "If you return, I will restore you, and you shall stand before me. If you utter what is precious, and not what is worthless, you shall be as my mouth. They shall turn to you, but you shall not turn to them.
4. Ezekiel 1:3 — the word of the Lord came to Ezekiel the priest, the son of Buzi, in the land of the Chaldeans by the Chebar canal, and the hand of the Lord was upon him there.
5. Ezekiel 3:17 — Son of man, I have made you a watchman for the house of Israel. Whenever you hear a word from my mouth, you shall give them warning from me.
6. Hosea 6:3 — Let us know; let us press on to know the Lord; his going out is

sure as the dawn; he will come to us as the showers, as the spring rains that water the earth."

7. 2 John 1:9 — Everyone who goes on ahead and does not abide in the teaching of Christ, does not have God. Whoever abides in the teaching has both the Father and the Son.

3. God the Son and His servants

1. Matthew 4:19 — And he said to them, "Follow me, and I will make you fishers of men."
2. John 14:12 — Truly, truly, I say to you, whoever believes in me will also do the works that I do; and greater works than these will he do, because I am going to the Father.
3. Acts 28:31 — proclaiming the kingdom of God and teaching about the Lord Jesus Christ with all boldness and without hindrance.
4. 1 Corinthians 2:16 — For who has understood the mind of the Lord so as to instruct him?" But we have the mind of Christ.
5. 1 Thessalonians 5:10 — who died for us so that whether we are awake or asleep we might live with him.
6. Hebrews 3:1 — Therefore, holy brothers, you who share in a heavenly calling, consider Jesus, the apostle and high priest of our confession
7. 2 Peter 3:18 — But grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. To him be the glory both now and to the day of eternity. Amen.

4. God the Spirit and His servants

1. Acts 1:8 — But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth.
2. Acts 10:44 — While Peter was still saying these things, the Holy Spirit fell on all who heard the word.
3. Acts 20:22 — And now, behold, I am going to Jerusalem, constrained by the Spirit, not knowing what will happen to me there,
4. Galatians 5:18 — But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not under the law.
5. Galatians 5:25 — If we live by the Spirit, let us also keep in step with the Spirit.

6. Colossians 1:29 — For this I toil, struggling with all his energy that he powerfully works within me.
7. 1 John 2:27 — But the anointing that you received from him abides in you, and you have no need that anyone should teach you. But as his anointing teaches you about everything, and is true, and is no lie — just as it has taught you, abide in him.

5. Attitude of the Servants of God

1. Romans 11:13 — Now I am speaking to you Gentiles. Inasmuch then as I am an apostle to the Gentiles, I magnify my ministry.
2. 1 Corinthians 10:12 — Therefore let anyone who thinks that he stands take heed lest he fall.
3. 2 Corinthians 6:7 — by truthful speech, and the power of God; with the weapons of righteousness for the right hand and for the left;
4. 1 Timothy 4:15 — Practice these things, immerse yourself in them, so that all may see your progress.
5. 2 Timothy 2:24-25 — And the Lord's servant must not be quarrelsome but kind to everyone, able to teach, patiently enduring evil,²⁵ correcting his opponents with gentleness. God may perhaps grant them repentance leading to a knowledge of the truth
6. James 1:4 — And let steadfastness have its full effect, that you may be perfect and complete, lacking in nothing.
7. Revelation 2:10 — Do not fear what you are about to suffer. Behold, the devil is about to throw some of you into prison, that you may be tested, and for ten days you will have tribulation. Be faithful unto death, and I will give you the crown of life.

6. Problematic examples of a Servant of God

1. Isaiah 56:10 — His watchmen are blind; they are all without knowledge; they are all silent dogs; they cannot bark, dreaming, lying down, loving to slumber.
2. Ezekiel 13:3 — Thus says the Lord God, Woe to the foolish prophets who follow their own spirit, and have seen nothing!
3. Ezekiel 34:2 — Son of man, prophesy against the shepherds of Israel; prophesy, and say to them, even to the shepherds, Thus says the Lord God: Ah, shepherds of Israel who have been feeding yourselves! Should not shepherds feed the sheep?

4. Ezekiel 34:4 — The weak you have not strengthened, the sick you have not healed, the injured you have not bound up, the strayed you have not brought back, the lost you have not sought, and with force and harshness you have ruled them.
5. Matthew 23:13 — But woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! For you shut the kingdom of heaven in people's faces. For you neither enter yourselves nor allow those who would enter to go in.
6. Matthew 23:27 — Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! For you are like whitewashed tombs, which outwardly appear beautiful, but within are full of dead people's bones and all uncleanness.
7. Matthew 25:30 — And cast the worthless servant into the outer darkness. In that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.

7. Servants of God and the Word

1. Ezra 7:10 — For Ezra had set his heart to study the Law of the Lord, and to do it and to teach his statutes and rules in Israel.
2. Jeremiah 5:13 — The prophets will become wind; the word is not in them. Thus shall it be done to them!
3. Act 18:5 — When Silas and Timothy arrived from Macedonia, Paul was occupied with the word, testifying to the Jews that the Christ was Jesus.
4. 2 Timothy 2:15 — Do your best to present yourself to God as one approved, a worker who has no need to be ashamed, rightly handling the word of truth.
5. Hebrews 10:16 — “This is the covenant that I will make with them after those days, declares the Lord: I will put my laws on their hearts, and write them on their minds”
6. 1 Peter 1:9-10 — obtaining the outcome of your faith, the salvation of your souls. 10 Concerning this salvation, the prophets who prophesied about the grace that was to be yours searched and inquired carefully,
7. Revelation 22:18-19 — I warn everyone who hears the words of the prophecy of this book: if anyone adds to them, God will add to him the plagues described in this book,¹⁹ and if anyone takes away from the words of the book of this prophecy, God will take away his share in the tree of life and in the holy city, which are described in this book.

8. Servants of God and prayer

1. 1 Samuel 12:23 — Moreover, as for me, far be it from me that I should sin against the Lord by ceasing to pray for you, and I will instruct you in the good and the right way.
2. 1 Chronicles 9:33 — Now these, the singers, the heads of fathers' houses of the Levites, were in the chambers of the temple free from other service, for they were on duty day and night.
3. Daniel 6:10 — When Daniel knew that the document had been signed, he went to his house where he had windows in his upper chamber open toward Jerusalem. He got down on his knees three times a day and prayed and gave thanks before his God, as he had done previously.
4. Matthew 6:6 — But when you pray, go into your room and shut the door and pray to your Father who is in secret. And your Father who sees in secret will reward you.
5. Luke 22:44 — And being in agony he prayed more earnestly; and his sweat became like great drops of blood falling down to the ground.
6. Acts 6:4 — But we will devote ourselves to prayer and to the ministry of the word."
7. James 5:17 — Elijah was a man with a nature like ours, and he prayed fervently that it might not rain, and for three years and six months it did not rain on the earth.

9. Servants of God and worship

1. 1 Samuel 16:23 — And whenever the harmful spirit from God was upon Saul, David took the lyre and played it with his hand. So Saul was refreshed and was well, and the harmful spirit departed from him.
2. 2 Chronicles 5:14 — so that the priests could not stand to minister because of the cloud, for the glory of the Lord filled the house of God.
3. Psalm 103:1-3 — Bless the Lord, O my soul, and all that is within me, bless his holy name! ²Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits, ³who forgives all your iniquity, who heals all your diseases.
4. Psalm 134:1 — Come, bless the Lord, all you servants of the Lord, who stand by night in the house of the Lord!
5. Psalm 149:6 — Let the high praises of God be in their throats and two-edged swords in their hands,

6. Acts 16:25 — About midnight Paul and Silas were praying and singing hymns to God, and the prisoners were listening to them.
7. Hebrews 13:15 — Through him then let us continually offer up a sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of lips that acknowledge his name.

10. Servants of God and the mortal body

1. Romans 6:12-13 — Let not sin therefore reign in your mortal body, to make you obey its passions.¹³ Do not present your members to sin as instruments for unrighteousness, but present yourselves to God as those who have been brought from death to life, and your members to God as instruments for righteousness.
2. Romans 12:1 — I appeal to you therefore, brothers, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship.
3. 1 Corinthians 6:13 — “Food is meant for the stomach and the stomach for food”—and God will destroy both one and the other. The body is not meant for sexual immorality, but for the Lord, and the Lord for the body.
4. 1 Corinthians 6:15 — Do you not know that your bodies are members of Christ? Shall I then take the members of Christ and make them members of a prostitute? Never!
5. 1 Corinthians 6:19 — Or do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit within you, whom you have from God? You are not your own,
6. Philippians 1:20 — as it is my eager expectation and hope that I will not be at all ashamed, but that with full courage now as always Christ will be honored in my body, whether by life or by death.
7. Colossians 2:17— These are a shadow of the things to come, but the substance belongs to Christ.

11. Servants of God and holiness

1. Leviticus 11:45 — For I am the Lord who brought you up out of the land of Egypt to be your God. You shall therefore be holy, for I am holy.”
2. 1 Corinthians 3:17 — If anyone destroys God’s temple, God will destroy him. For God’s temple is holy, and you are that temple.

3. 2 Corinthians 7:1 — Since we have these promises, beloved, let us cleanse ourselves from every defilement of body and spirit, bringing holiness to completion in the fear of God.
4. Colossians 1:22 — he has now reconciled in his body of flesh by his death, in order to present you holy and blameless and above reproach before him
5. 1 Timothy 4:5 — for it is made holy by the word of God and prayer.
6. 1 Timothy 5:22— Do not be hasty in the laying on of hands, nor take part in the sins of others; keep yourself pure.
7. 2 Timothy 2:21 — Therefore, if anyone cleanses himself from what is dishonorable, he will be a vessel for honorable use, set apart as holy, useful to the master of the house, ready for every good work.

12. Servants of God and spirituality

1. Exodus 33:11 — Thus the Lord used to speak to Moses face to face, as a man speaks to his friend. When Moses turned again into the camp, his assistant Joshua the son of Nun, a young man, would not depart from the tent.
2. Numbers 14:20 — Then the Lord said, “I have pardoned, according to your word.”
3. 2 Samuel 23:2 — The Spirit of the Lord speaks by me; his word is on my tongue.
4. 1 Kings 22:14 — But Micaiah said, “As the Lord lives, what the Lord says to me, that I will speak.”
5. Habakkuk 2:1— I will take my stand at my watchpost and station myself on the tower, and look out to see what he will say to me, and what I will answer concerning my complaint.
6. Matthew 10:20 — For it is not you who speak, but the Spirit of your Father speaking through you.
7. Revelation 1:10 — I was in the Spirit on the Lord's day, and I heard behind me a loud voice like a trumpet

13. Servants of God and healing ministry

1. Ezekiel 34:4 — The weak you have not strengthened, the sick you have not healed, the injured you have not bound up, the strayed you have not brought back, the lost you have not sought, and with force and harshness you have ruled them.
2. Psalm 107:20 — He sent out his word and healed them, and delivered them from their destruction.
3. Matthew 9:35 — And Jesus went throughout all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the gospel of the kingdom and healing every disease and every affliction.
4. Matthew 10:1 — And he called to him his twelve disciples and gave them authority over unclean spirits, to cast them out, and to heal every disease and every affliction.
5. Acts 3:6 — But Peter said, “I have no silver and gold, but what I do have I give to you. In the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, rise up and walk!”
6. Acts 19:12 — so that even handkerchiefs or aprons that had touched his skin were carried away to the sick, and their diseases left them and the evil spirits came out of them.
7. James 5:15 — And the prayer of faith will save the one who is sick, and the Lord will raise him up. And if he has committed sins, he will be forgiven.

14. Servants of God and spiritual warfare

1. Mark 9:29 — And he said to them, “This kind cannot be driven out by anything but prayer.”
2. Mark 16:17 — And these signs will accompany those who believe: in my name they will cast out demons; they will speak in new tongues;
3. Luke 10:19 — Behold, I have given you authority to tread on serpents and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy, and nothing shall hurt you.
4. Ephesians 6:14-17 — And therefore, having fastened on the belt of truth, and having put on the breastplate of righteousness,¹⁵and, as shoes for your feet, having put on the readiness given by the gospel of peace.¹⁶In all circumstances take up the shield of faith, with which you can extinguish all the flaming darts of the evil one:¹⁷and take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God
5. James 4:7 — Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you.

6. 1 John 2:14 — I write to you, fathers, because you know him who is from the beginning. I write to you, young men, because you are strong, and the word of God abides in you, and you have overcome the evil one.
7. Revelation 12:11— And they have conquered him by the blood of the Lamb and by the word of their testimony, for they loved not their lives even unto death.

15. Servants of God and the saints

1. Proverbs 27:23 — Know well the condition of your flocks, and give attention to your herds,
2. John 10:4 — When he has brought out all his own, he goes before them, and the sheep follow him, for they know his voice.
3. 1 Corinthians 4:15-16 — For though you have countless guides in Christ, you do not have many fathers. For I became your father in Christ Jesus through the gospel.¹⁶I urge you, then, be imitators of me.
4. 1 Corinthians 7:23 — You were bought with a price; do not become bondservants of men.
5. 1 Timothy 4:12 — Let no one despise you for your youth, but set the believers an example in speech, in conduct, in love, in faith, in purity.
6. 1 Peter 5:2-3 — shepherd the flock of God that is among you, exercising oversight, not under compulsion, but willingly, as God would have you; not for shameful gain, but eagerly; ³not domineering over those in your charge, but being examples to the flock.
7. Hebrews 6:10 — For God is not unjust so as to overlook your work and the love that you have shown for his name in serving the saints, as you still do.

16. Servants of God and the temple of the Holy Spirit

1. Numbers 19:20 — If the man who is unclean does not cleanse himself, that person shall be cut off from the midst of the assembly, since he has defiled the sanctuary of the Lord. Because the water for impurity has not been thrown on him, he is unclean.
2. Ezekiel 8:6 — And he said to me, “Son of man, do you see what they are doing, the great abominations that the house of Israel are committing here, to drive me far from my sanctuary? But you will see still greater abominations.”

3. 2 Kings 12:7 — Therefore King Jehoash summoned Jehoiada the priest and the other priests and said to them, “Why are you not repairing the house? Now therefore take no more money from your donors, but hand it over for the repair of the house.”
4. 1 Corinthians 3:16 — Do you not know that you are God’s temple and that God’s Spirit dwells in you?
5. 1 Corinthians 6:19 — Or do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit within you, whom you have from God? You are not your own,
6. Ephesians 2:22 — In him you also are being built together into a dwelling place for God by the Spirit.
7. 2 Corinthians 6:16 — What agreement has the temple of God with idols? For we are the temple of the living God; as God said, “I will make my dwelling among them and walk among them, and I will be their God, and they shall be my people.”

17. Servants of God and proven character

1. 1 Corinthians 9:27 — But I discipline my body and keep it under control, lest after preaching to others I myself should be disqualified.
2. 1 Corinthians 15:31 — I protest, brothers, by my pride in you, which I have in Christ Jesus our Lord, I die every day!
3. Galatians 2:20 — I have been crucified with Christ. It is no longer I who live, but Christ who lives in me. And the life I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me.
4. Galatians 5:24 — And those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires.
5. 1 Timothy 3:2-7 — Therefore an overseer must be above reproach, the husband of one wife, sober-minded, self-controlled, respectable, hospitable, able to teach,³ not a drunkard, not violent but gentle, not quarrelsome, not a lover of money.⁴ He must manage his own household well, with all dignity keeping his children submissive,⁵ for if someone does not know how to manage his own household, how will he care for God’s church?⁶ He must not be a recent convert, or he may become puffed up with conceit and fall into the condemnation of the devil.⁷ Moreover, he must be well thought of by outsiders, so that he may not fall into disgrace, into a snare of the devil.

6. Titus 1:7 — For an overseer, as God's steward, must be above reproach. He must not be arrogant or quick-tempered or a drunkard or violent or greedy for gain,
7. 1 Peter 2:5 — you yourselves like living stones are being built up as a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ.

SERVANTS OF GOD



ANSWER KEY

WHAT GOD'S SERVANTS ARE CALLED FOR

1. THE PURPOSE OF GOD'S SERVANTS

(page 5)

1. proclaimed (Exodus 9:16)
2. serve, served, serve (Matthew 20:28)
3. glory (John 7:18)
4. tend (John 21:16)
5. suffer, name (Acts 9:16)
6. gospel (Romans 1:1)
7. win (1 Corinthians 9:19)
8. ambassadors (2 Corinthians 5:20)
9. preach, Christ (Ephesians 3:8)
10. bring, plan (Ephesians 3:9)
11. equip, ministry (Ephesians 4:12)
12. freedom, serve (Galatians 5:13)
13. present, mature (Colossians 1:28)
14. equip, good (2 Timothy 3:17)
15. serve, love (Hebrews 6:10)
16. strength, God, Jesus Christ.
(1 Peter 4:11)

2. GOD AND HIS SERVANTS

A. God the Father and His servants

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1. multiplies (Exodus 32:13)
2. knows, name (Exodus 33:17)
3. blesses, glory (Leviticus 9:23)
4. Egypt (Leviticus 25:42)
5. Israel (Leviticus 25:55)

6. redeemed, power, hand
(Nehemiah 1:10)
7. praise (Psalm 113:1)
8. stand, mouth (Jeremiah 15:19)
9. word, hand (Ezekiel 1:3)
10. watchman, hear, give (Ezekiel 3:17)
11. know (Hosea 6:3)
12. Spirit (Joel 2:29)
13. Israel, mercy (Luke 1:54)
14. abide (2 John 9)

B. God the Son and His servants

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1. fishers (Matthew 4:19)
2. serve, give, ransom, servant
(Mark 10:43-45)
3. serve, follow, honor, He (John 12:26)
4. washed, wash (John 13:14)
5. believe, greater (John 14:12)
6. proclaim, teach, boldness, hindrance
(Acts 28:31)
7. mind (1 Corinthians 2:16)
8. Servants, stewards, faithful
(1 Corinthians 4:1-2)
9. Lord, Jesus (2 Corinthians 4:5)
10. approval (Galatians 1:10)
11. crucified, Christ, faith
(Galatians 2:20)
12. workmanship, good (Ephesians 2:10)
13. bondservants, God (Ephesians 6:6)
14. mind, God, emptied, servant
(Philippians 2:5-7)

15. heartily, Lord, Lord
(Colossians 3:23-24)
16. Christ, establish, exhort
(1 Thessalonians 3:2)
17. live (1 Thessalonians 5:10)
18. heavenly, Jesus (Hebrews 3:1)
19. grace, knowledge (2 Peter 3:18)

C. God the Spirit and His servants
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1. His Spirit (Joel 2:29)
2. Spirit, speaks (Matthew 10:20)
3. Spirit, truth (John 16:13)
4. Holy Spirit, witnesses (Acts 1:8)
5. Holy Spirit, heard (Acts 10:44)
6. constrained, Spirit (Acts 20:22)
7. Spirit, sons (Romans 8:14)
8. intercedes (Romans 8:26)
9. Spirit, spiritual, spiritual
(1 Corinthians 2:13)
10. manifestation, Spirit, common
(1 Corinthians 12:7)
11. commend (2 Corinthians 6:4-6)
12. Spirit, law (Galatians 5:18)
13. Spirit, Spirit (Galatians 5:25)
14. energy, works (Colossians 1:29)
15. anointing, anointing, Him
(1 John 2:27)

WHAT GOD'S SERVANTS PREPARE FOR

1. ATTITUDE OF THE SERVANTS

A. Attitude of the servants of God

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1. magnify (Romans 11:13)
2. commend (Romans 16:1)
3. lofty, wisdom (1 Corinthians 2:1)
4. fall, stand (1 Corinthians 10:12)
5. righteousness, truthful, power
(2 Corinthians 6:7)
6. freedom, serve (Galatians 5:13)
7. render, Lord (Ephesians 6:7)
8. strengthens (Philippians 4:13)
9. Lord Jesus, thanks (Colossians 3:17)
10. practice, immerse (1 Timothy 4:15)
11. kind, teach, evil, gentleness,
repentance (2 Timothy 2:24-25)
12. stir, love (Hebrews 10:24)
13. endure, complete (James 1:4)
14. humble, Lord (James 4:10)
15. faithful, death, crown
(Revelation 2:10)

**B. Problematic examples of a servant of
God (page 17)**

1. blind, knowledge (Isaiah 56:10)
2. spirit, nothing (Ezekiel 13:3)
3. themselves, sheep (Ezekiel 34:2)
4. strengthen, lost, harshness
(Ezekiel 34:4)
5. enter, allow (Matthew 23:13)
6. outwardly, uncleanness
(Matthew 23:27)
7. darkness (Matthew 25:30)
8. honor, devour (Mark 12:39-40).

- 9. different (1 Timothy 1:3)
- 10. speculations, stewardship
(1 Timothy 1:4)
- 11. godliness, power (2 Timothy 3:5)
- 12. know, deny (Titus 1:16)
- 13. right, sin (James 4:17)
- 14. God (1 John 4:1)
- 7. prayer, word (Acts 6:4)
- 8. all, Spirit (Ephesians 6:18)
- 9. prayer, supplication
(Philippians 4:6-7)
- 10. prayer, thanksgiving (Colossians 4:2)
- 11. servants, word, Christ
(Colossians 4:3)
- 12. Pray (1 Timothy 2:1)
- 13. Elders, pray (James 5:14)
- 14. prayed (James 5:17)

2. A SERVANT'S LIFE

A. Servants of God and the Word

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- 1. study, do, teach (Ezra 7:10)
- 2. word (Jeremiah 5:13)
- 3. gospel (Mark 16:15)
- 4. Jesus (Acts 8:35)
- 5. occupied, testifying (Acts 18:5)
- 6. whole (Acts 20:27)
- 7. handle (2 Timothy 2:15)
- 8. Scripture, equipped (2 Timothy 3:17)
- 9. preach (2 Timothy 4:2)
- 10. hearts, minds (Hebrews 10:16)
- 11. carefully (1 Peter 1:9-10)
- 12. defense, hope (1 Peter 3:15)
- 13. add, take away (Revelation 22:18-19)

B. Servants of God and prayer *(page 20)*

- 1. pray, instruct (1 Samuel 12:23)
- 2. prayed, previously (Daniel 6:10)
- 3. Father, secret (Matthew 6:6)
- 4. pray, lose (Luke 18:1)
- 5. earnestly (Luke 22:44)
- 6. prayer, accord (Acts 1:14)

C. Servants of God and Worship

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- 1. glory, house (2 Chronicles 5:13-14)
- 2. sing, joyful (Psalm 95:1)
- 3. Bless (Psalm 103:1)
- 4. night (Psalm 134:1)
- 5. praises, swords (Psalm 149:6)
- 6. worship, serve (Matthew 4:10)
- 7. worship, spirit, truth (John 4:23)
- 8. singing (Acts 16:25-26)
- 9. bodies, worship (Romans 12:1)
- 10. psalms, hymns, songs, heart
(Ephesians 5:19)
- 11. singing, spiritual, thankfulness
(Colossians 3:16)
- 12. praise (Hebrews 13:15)
- 13. pray, praise (James 5:13)

WHAT GOD'S SERVANTS DO

1. DISCIPLINE

A. Servants of God and the mortal body

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1. sin, body, sin, God, God
(Romans 6:12-13)
2. bodies, God (Romans 12:1)
3. immorality, Lord, body
(1 Corinthians 6:13)
4. bodies, Christ (1 Corinthians 6:15)
5. body, temple, own
(1 Corinthians 6:19)
6. price, body (1 Corinthians 6:20)
7. glory (1 Corinthians 10:31)
8. ashamed, honored, body
(Philippians 1:20)
9. flesh, church (Colossians 1:24)
10. shadow, Christ (Colossians 2:17)
11. sanctify, body, blameless (1 Thessalonians 5:23)

B. Servants of God and holiness

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1. holy, holy (Leviticus 11:45)
2. holy, temple (1 Corinthians 3:17)
3. cleanse, holiness (2 Corinthians 7:1)
4. chose, holy, blameless (Ephesians 1:4)
5. blameless, innocent, blemish
(Philippians 2:14-15)
6. holy, blameless, reproach (Colossians 1:22)
7. sanctification (1 Thessalonians 4:3)
8. holiness (1 Thessalonians 4:7)
9. word, prayer (1 Timothy 4:5)
10. pure (1 Timothy 5:22)
11. holy, useful, good (2 Timothy 2:21)
12. holiness (Hebrews 12:14)

13. holy, holy (1 Peter 1:15)
14. purifies, pure (1 John 3:3)

C. Servants of God and spirituality

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1. friend (Exodus 33:11)
2. walking, fearing (Deuteronomy 8:6)
3. speaks, tongue (2 Samuel 23:2)
4. Lord, speak (1 Kings 22:14)
5. see (Habakkuk 2:1)
6. you, Spirit (Matthew 10:20)
7. requirement, Spirit (Romans 8:4)
8. workmanship, works, walk (Ephesians 2:10)
9. fruit (Galatians 5:22)
10. worthy, pleasing (Colossians 1:10)
11. abide (1 John 2:6)
12. Spirit (Revelation 1:10)

2. CARE

A. Servants of God and healing ministry

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1. cry (Numbers 12:13)
2. word, healed (Psalm 107:20)
3. proclaimed, healed (Matthew 9:35)
4. authority, heal (Matthew 10:1)
5. sick, cleanse (Matthew 10:8)
6. Heal, kingdom (Luke 10:9)
7. Jesus Christ (Acts 3:6)
8. Jesus Christ (Acts 9:34)
9. diseases, evil (Acts 19:12)
10. elders, pray (James 5:14)
11. faith, sick, Lord (James 5:15)

B. Servants of God and spiritual warfare (*page 34*)

1. Prayer (Mark 9:29)
2. my (Jesus) (Mark 16:17)
3. authority, enemy (Luke 10:19)
4. conquerors (Romans 8:37)
5. flesh, knowledge, Christ (2 Corinthians 10:4-5)
6. truth, righteousness, readiness, faith, salvation, Spirit, word (Ephesians 6:14-17)
7. Resist (James 4:7)
8. strong, word, overcome (1 John 2:14)
9. blood, word, death (Revelation 12:11)

C. Servants of God and the saints (*page 35*)

1. flocks, attention (Proverbs 27:23)
2. voice (John 10:4)
3. saints (1 Corinthians 1:2)
4. guides, fathers (1 Corinthians 4:15)
5. price, men (1 Corinthians 7:23)
6. Equip (Ephesians 4:12)
7. believers, example (1 Timothy 4:12)
8. Serve (Hebrews 6:10)
9. Pray (James 5:16)
10. Shepherd, willingly, eagerly, examples (1 Peter 5:2-3)

3. ABIDE

A. Servants of God and the temple of the Holy Spirit (*page 36*)

1. sanctuary (Numbers 19:20)
2. abominations, sanctuary (Ezekiel 8:6)
3. dwelling, people (Ezekiel 37:27)
4. pleasure, glorified (Haggai 1:8)
5. workers, building (1 Corinthians 3:9)
6. temple, Spirit (1 Corinthians 3:16)
7. body, temple (1 Corinthians 6:19)
8. dwelling, God (Ephesians 2:22)
9. God, idols (2 Corinthians 6:16)

B. Servants of God and proven character (*page 38*)

1. discipline, control (1 Corinthians 9:27)
2. die (1 Corinthians 15:31)
3. crucified, Christ, faith (Galatians 2:20)
4. crucified, flesh (Galatians 5:24)
5. press, upward (Philippians 3:14)
6. reproach, respectable, gentle, household, church, outsiders (1 Timothy 3:2-7)
7. arrogant, greedy (Titus 1:7)
8. holy, spiritual, Jesus Christ (1 Peter 2:5)





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