

LEADERSHIP TRAINING 07 - SERVICE

1 PETER 4:1-11

We have already spent enough time serving ourselves. Let us now instead focus our efforts upon our service to Jesus Christ.

I. SUBJECT DEFINED

- A. God is the source of all blessing and ability
 - 1. He provides life and restoration (EPH. 2:1)
 - 2. Place vs.17 in a service context JAMES 4:13-17
 - 3. Much required from the most blessed (LUKE 12:48)
 - 4. Our service to God will be rewarded (EPH. 6:8)
- B. The destination of service should be others (GAL. 6:2)
- C. He gave us His example JOHN 13:4-5,13-14

II. SPIRIT DIRECTED

- A. God has the right to direct in everything ACTS 16:6-10
 - 1. We must be ready to hear His orders (EPH. 5:18)
 - 2. Replace "wine" with "any" worldly distraction
- B. BUT where God directs, He also equips (EXO. 31:3-5)

III. SPECIAL DISCOVERY

- A. More Christians should be "Gap-Fillers" NEH. 3:1-5
 - 1. No one is "too good" (Ex. toilet cleaning)
 - 2. Gaps WILL be filled by something (LUKE 11:24-26)
 - 3. Toehold for evil / "giving place to the devil"
- B. A Need Seen is an Assignment Given
 - 1. "Preacher, someone should help that family out."
 - 2. Perhaps God is placing in YOUR heart!
- C. Take OWNERSHIP 1 THESS. 1:3-8 / (1 COR. 16:15)

IV. STEDFAST DELIVERY

- A. GREAT Bible adjectives: Steadfast/Unmovable/Unchanging
 - 1. Worthy of those who count on you (1 COR. 15:58)
 - 2. Consistency encourages others (ACTS 14:22)
- B. Service to God is EXTERNAL not INTERNAL (JAMES 1:22)

EPH. 2:1 - "And you hath he quickened, who were dead in trespasses and sins;"

LUKE 12:48 - "But he that knew not, and did commit things worthy of stripes, shall be beaten with few stripes. For unto whomsoever much is given, of him shall be much required: and to whom men have committed much, of him they will ask the more."

EPH. 6:8 - "Knowing that whatsoever good thing any man doeth, the same shall he receive of the Lord, whether he be bond or free."

GAL. 6:2 - "Bear ye one another's burdens, and so fulfil the law of Christ."

EPH. 5:18 - "And be not drunk with wine, wherein is excess; but be filled with the Spirit;"

EXO. 31:3-5 - "And I have filled him with the spirit of God, in wisdom, and in understanding, and in knowledge, and in all manner of workmanship, (4) To devise cunning works, to work in gold, and in silver, and in brass, (5) And in cutting of stones, to set them, and in carving of timber, to work in all manner of workmanship."

LUKE 11:24-26 - "When the unclean spirit is gone out of a man, he walketh through dry places, seeking rest; and finding none, he saith, I will return unto my house whence I came out. (25) And when he cometh, he findeth it swept and garnished. (26) Then goeth he, and taketh to him seven other spirits more wicked than himself; and they enter in, and dwell there: and the last state of that man is worse than the first."

1 COR. 16:15 - "I beseech you, brethren, (ye know the house of Stephanas, that it is the firstfruits of Achaia, and that they have addicted themselves to the ministry of the saints,)"

1 COR. 15:58 - "Therefore, my beloved brethren, be ye stedfast, unmoveable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, forasmuch as ye know that your labour is not in vain in the Lord."

ACTS 14:22 - "Confirming the souls of the disciples, and exhorting them to continue in the faith, and that we must through much tribulation enter into the kingdom of God."

JAMES 1:22 - "But be ye doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving your own selves."