

# **I MUST SERVE (If I follow Christ)**

*What God Expects From Me – Part 3*

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**(Jesus said) "*Whoever wants to become great must be a servant to others.*"  
Matthew. 20:26b (MSG)**

**(Jesus said) "*For even I didn't come to be served but to serve others  
and give my life as a ransom for many.*" Matthew 20:28b (NLT)**

***"Let this same attitude and purpose and [humble] mind be in you which was in Christ Jesus."  
[Let Him be your example in humility] Philippians 2:5 (AMP)***

## **WHY MUST I SERVE GOD AND OTHERS?**

### **1. BECAUSE I WAS CREATED FOR SERVICE.**

*"For we are God's workmanship, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do." Ephesians 2:10 (NIV)*

### **2. BECAUSE I AM SAVED FOR SERVICE.**

*"It is (God) who saved us and chose us for his holy work..." 2 Timothy 1:9a (TLB)*

### **3. BECAUSE I'VE BEEN CALLED TO SERVE.**

*"God, in his grace chose me even before I was born, and called me to serve him."  
Galatians 1:15 (TEV)*

### **4. BECAUSE I'VE BEEN GIFTED FOR SERVICE.**

*"God has given each of you some special abilities; be sure to use them to help each other..."  
1 Peter 4:10a (TLB)*

### **5. BECAUSE I AM COMMANDED TO SERVE OTHERS.**

*(Jesus) "Your attitude must be like my own, for I did not come to be served, but to serve..."  
Matthew 20:28a (TLB)*

**6. BECAUSE MY CHURCH FAMILY NEEDS MY SERVICE.**

*"...All of you together are the one body of Christ and each of you is a separate and necessary part of it." 1 Corinthians 12:27 (TLB)*

**7. BECAUSE SERVING OTHERS IS THE WAY TO SERVE GOD.**

*"Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord, not for men... It is the Lord Christ you are serving." Colossians 3:23-24b (NIV)*

**8. BECAUSE SERVICE MAKES LIFE MEANINGFUL.**

*"If you try to keep your life for yourself, you will lose it. But if you give up your life for my sake and for the sake of the Good News, you will find true life." Mark 8:35 (NLT)*

**9. BECAUSE I WILL BE HELD ACCOUNTABLE FOR MY SERVICE.**

*"Each of us will have to give a personal account to God." Romans 14:12 (NLT)*

**10. BECAUSE I WILL BE REWARDED FOR ETERNITY.**

Jesus said, "My Father will honor anyone who serves me." John 12:26b (NCV)

*"Well done, good and faithful servant! You've been faithful with a few things; I will put you in charge of many things. Come and share your master's happiness!" Matthew 25:23 (NIV)*