

LESSONNOTES

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For you have been called to live in freedom, my brothers and sisters. But don't use your freedom to satisfy your sinful nature. Instead, use your freedom to serve one another in love.

Galatians 5:13

And so, dear brothers and sisters, I plead with you to give your bodies to God because of all He has done for you.

Romans 12:1

1. The heart of a servant is motivated by God's mercy.

You are a chosen people. You are royal priests, a holy nation, God's very own possession. As a result, you can show others the goodness of God, for He called you out of the darkness into His wonderful light.

1 Peter 2:9

I thank Christ Jesus our Lord, Who has given me strength to do His work. He considered me trustworthy and appointed me to serve Him, even though I used to blaspheme the name of Christ. In my insolence, I persecuted His people. But God had mercy on me. *1 Timothy 1:12 – 13*

2. The heart of a servant is motivated for God's glory.

"Let your good deeds shine out for all to see, so that everyone will praise your heavenly Father."

Jesus in Matthew 5:16

Whatever you do, do it for the glory of God.

1 Corinthians 10:31

3. The mind of a servant is humble.

Because of the privilege and authority God has given me, I give each of you this warning: Don't think you are better than you really are. Be honest in your evaluation of yourselves, measuring yourselves by the faith God has given us. *Romans 12:3*

Pride goes before destruction and a haughty spirit before a fall.

Proverbs 16:18 (NIV)

Don't be selfish; don't try to impress others. Be humble, thinking of others as better than yourselves. Don't look out only for your own interests, but take an interest in others, too. You must have the same attitude that Christ Jesus had. Though He was God, He did not think of equality with God as something to cling to. Instead, He gave up His divine privileges; He took the humble position of a slave. *Philippians 2:3 – 7*

Just as our bodies have many parts and each part has a special function, so it is with Christ's body. We are many parts of one body, and we all belong to each other. *Romans 12:4*

4. The hands of a servant belong to the church.

- **What are my gifts?**

In His grace, God has given us different gifts for doing certain things well.
Romans 12:6

- **What are my abilities?**

God has given each of you a gift from His great variety of spiritual gifts. Use them well to serve one another.
1 Peter 4:10

And the same is true for you. Since you are so eager to have the special abilities the Spirit gives, seek those that will strengthen the whole church.
1 Corinthians 14:12

- **What are my passions?**

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

- **What needs to be done?**

Love each other with genuine affection, and take delight in honoring each other. Never be lazy but, work hard and serve the Lord enthusiastically.
Romans 12:10 – 11