



HEART & SOUL SERIES - Part Four
"Why Do We Serve?"

Opening Scripture: Mark 10:42-45

"What can I give back to God for the blessings he's poured out on me? I'll lift high the cup of salvation—a toast to God! I'll pray in the name of God; I'll complete what I promised God I'd do, and I'll do it together with his people." Psalm 116:12-14 (MSG)

Serving is rooted in our _____
to the goodness of God in our lives.

1. We serve because Jesus first _____.

How well do you _____ from God?

2. We serve because it frees us from _____.

"But now that you have been set free from sin and have become slaves of God, the benefit you reap leads to holiness, and the result is eternal life." Romans 6:22 (NIV)

"Thank God that you, who were at one time the servants of sin, honestly responded to the impact of Christ's teaching...Then, released from the service of sin, you entered the service of righteousness." Romans 6:18 (JBP)

- **Entitlement:** Insists, "I deserve more!" (Matthew 20:8-15)
- **Abandonment:** Angrily misunderstands God, "You favored them over me!" (Luke 15:25-31)
- **Unforgiveness:** Demands of people, "Pay me what you owe!" (Matthew 18:22-25)
- **Judgment by Comparison:** Feels unjustly treated: "What about that person?!" (John 21:22, AMP)

(Continued on reverse)

3. We serve to fulfill God's _____ in our life.

"Each of us finds our meaning and function as a part of his body..."
Romans 12:4 (MSG)

Believers get _____ and
_____ when they lack a sense of purpose.

"Don't just do what you have to do to get by, but work heartily, as Christ's servants doing what God wants you to do. And work with a smile on your face, always keeping in mind that no matter who happens to be giving the orders, you're really serving God." Ephesians 6:7 (MSG)

FATHER GOD, Thank you for sending Jesus to serve my deepest need. Jesus, by faith I receive all that you offer me. Help me to truly understand why I am to serve. Deliver me from selfish thinking and living, and let my heart flow with Your motivation for all I do. In Jesus Name, AMEN



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