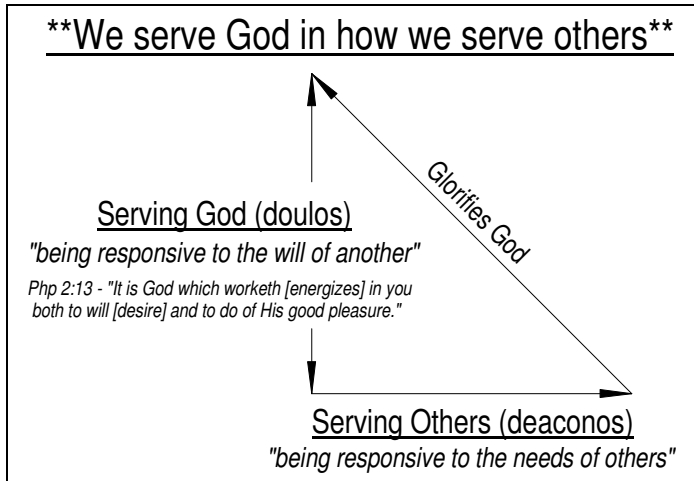


A Servant's Heart is Explained—Part 1 (Philippians 2:12-13)

Joshua 1:5-8; cf. Hebrews 13:5; 1 Thessalonians 5:24

I. The _____ to be Obedient (v. 12)



Romans 12:1 I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of **God**, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto **God**, which is your reasonable service.

A. With _____—"In my absence"

B. With _____—"work out"

The word "salvation" cannot refer to justification for we know that the Bible clearly refutes salvation by works (Eph 2:8-9; Tit 3:5).

Jude 20-21 But ye, beloved, building up yourselves on your most holy faith, praying in the **Holy Ghost, 21** Keep yourselves in the love of **God**, looking for the mercy of our **Lord Jesus Christ** unto eternal life.

The key to our spiritual growth is not in the _____ of our spiritual leaders on whom we depend, but on our own _____, diligent _____ and communion with our Lord and _____ to His Word.

C. With _____—"Fear and Trembling"

This "work out our own salvation" emphasizes our responsibility in the Christian life.

II. The _____ to be Obedient (v. 13)

We must never lose sight of the necessity of the _____ of God in our "working out our own salvation."

2 Corinthians 9:8 And **God** is able to make all grace [*divine help*] abound [*superabound/ in excess*] toward you; that ye, always having all sufficiency [*being content or satisfied*] in all things, may abound to every good work:

Cf. John 14:16-17 & 26

A. God energizes our _____

Psalm 119:36 Incline my heart unto **Thy** Testimonies, and not to covetousness.

B. God energizes our _____

Questions to help prepare for next Sunday's message: (Php 2:14-18)

1. Which commands from God do you think are the hardest to do without complaining and disputing?
2. What does our complaining say about the goodness of God? (Think back to the Israelites murmuring in the wilderness)
3. Why does complaining short-circuit a believer's witness?
4. What does Paul mean when he says, "Holding forth the Word of life?" (Php. 2:16)