

Why We SERVE The Lord

The Reasons For Serving

1. Because Christ served us
2. Because the cause of Christ and his work are the world's most important endeavor
3. Christ describes serving him with such phrases as
 - a. "putting our hand to the plow"
 - b. "taking up our cross"
 - c. "letting the dead bury the dead"

Caution To Those Who Are Entering Into Service

1. Stick close to your pastor and other leaders – guidance & encouragement
2. Don't be afraid to try something new – allow yourself to be challenged
3. Be willing to learn and take instruction
4. Become willing to sacrifice for the cause of Christ

Caution To Those Who Have Served A Long Time

1. Do not become weary in well doing
2. If you haven't learned to pace yourself – do so now
3. With age, you may have to slow down – but you don't have to quit
4. There is a time and place to change jobs – but becoming uninvolved is dangerous

Rewards For Those Who Serve

Php 4:1

Therefore, my brethren dearly beloved and longed for, **my joy and crown**, so stand fast in the Lord, my dearly beloved.

1 Corinthians 3:11-15

11 For other foundation can no man lay than that is laid, which is Jesus Christ. **12** Now if any man build upon this foundation gold, silver, precious stones, wood, hay, stubble; **13** Every man's work shall be made manifest: for the day shall declare it, because it shall be revealed by fire; and the fire shall try every man's work of what sort it is. **14** **If any man's work abide which he hath built thereupon, he shall receive a reward.** **15** If any man's work shall be burned, he shall suffer loss: but he himself shall be saved; yet so as by fire.