

# Giving Our Earthly Service Glorifying Our Eternal Savior



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Our theme for this year is *Giving Our Earthly Service, Glorifying Our Eternal Savior*. Obviously, it is possible to perform earthly service that does not glorify God. Thus, it is important

that we earnestly seek to glorify our Savior in heaven as we serve Him on earth. There are several truths that are essential if we are indeed going to glorify our eternal Savior through our earthly service.

First, there is a **REQUIREMENT** that must be met—we must freely give our entire selves to the Lord. *Giving* is the first word of our theme and it is prerequisite to the

rest of the theme. Obviously, we cannot glorify God through our service if we never surrender ourselves to serve Him! We must be willing to freely give Him our lives as living sacrifices—something Paul considered to be *reasonable service* (Romans 12:1). The Lord said, “*It is more blessed to give than to receive*” (Acts 20:35). However, our human nature wants to convince us otherwise. The enemy tries to tell us that if we give up something, we will “miss out” or we will “come up short” in some way. However, the Bible clearly teaches that *he which soweth bountifully shall reap also bountifully* (2 Corinthians 9:6). Jesus said, “*Give, and it shall be given unto you; good measure, pressed down, and shaken together, and running over, shall men*

*give into your bosom. For with the same measure that ye mete withal it shall be measured to you again*” (Luke 6:38). To be sure, there is no way to outgive our eternal Savior.

Second, having given ourselves to God, there must be a **RECOGNITION** of the role we are to fulfill. When Jesus came to earth, He *made himself of no reputation, and took upon him the form of a servant* (Philippians 2:7). The Lord *came not to be ministered unto, but to minister, and to give his life a ransom for many* (Matthew 20:28). The ultimate example of servanthood is found in the life, death, burial, and resurrection of Jesus Christ. Sadly, many today do not know what it is to serve; rather, their lives are consumed with being served. A narcissistic person with an entitlement mindset will never be a servant. Our role is to follow the humble example of Jesus Christ. We are to be earthly servants of the eternal Savior proclaiming to every creature the Good News of His life, death, burial, and resurrection. In short, *we are unprofitable servants* and we are to do *that which is our duty to do* (Luke 17:10).

Additionally, it is important that there is a proper **REALIZATION** of the magnitude of the work that is being accomplished. We are engaged in temporal work but we must remember it has an eternal purpose. What we do for Christ will last forever. Unlike many who work their entire lives just to leave all their worldly goods to family members, we are laying up treasure *in heaven, where neither moth nor rust doth corrupt, and where thieves do not break through nor steal* (Matthew 6:20). Our desire should be to *bring forth fruit that will remain*—not just for now but for eternity (John 15:16). As earthly servants our ultimate goal is to glorify our eternal Savior. The crowns we receive in heaven give us something to cast at the feet of Jesus. Throughout eternity we will praise Him for the work He did through us during the short time we spent on earth. This is a stunning reminder that as His servants, we only have one lifetime to fulfill His will on *earth, as it is in heaven* (Matthew 6:10). Without a doubt, when we give ourselves as servants to God, our service becomes eternally valuable.

As human beings, it is easy to focus on earthly things. Thus, we often serve with worldly goals or with temporal motives. As God’s servants, it is imperative that we serve with heaven in view. Our **REASON** for doing everything we do should always be *the glory of God* (1 Corinthians 10:31). I believe this truth takes on an even greater significance when we apply it to the Great Commission (cf., John 15:8). As we give our earthly service, we must do so *heartily, as to the Lord, and not unto men; Knowing that of the Lord we shall receive the reward of the inheritance: for we serve the Lord Christ—our eternal Savior* (Colossians 3:23–24). [W](#)