

Reflecting God's Heart

Serving is a Spiritual Discipline that **can** help us
_____ the heart of God.

Peter helps the early church see that our serving needs to be done
God's way and not just in our _____ efforts.

Serve within God's _____. 4:7

We limit ourselves when we serve
only out of _____.

Even our prayers are hindered if there is a lack of _____.

Teach us to number our days, that we may gain a heart of wisdom.
Psalm 90:12

*Show me, LORD, my life's end and the number of my days; let me
know how fleeting my life is.* Psalm 39:4

Serve from God's _____. 4:8

We limit ourselves if we only care for those
we find _____.

We _____ imperfect people from our own imperfections.

*Whoever would foster love covers over an offense, but whoever
repeats the matter separates close friends.* Proverbs 17:9

*... Whoever turns a sinner from the error of their way will save
them from death and cover over a multitude of sins.* James 5:20

Serve with God's _____. 4:9

We limit ourselves when we remain
distant from _____.

Our attitude has to change before our _____ will.

*Dear friend, you are faithful in what you are doing for the
brothers and sisters, even though they are strangers to you.*
3 John 1:5

Serve from God's _____. 4:10

We limit ourselves when we serve optionally,
instead of using all He has _____.

*... 'Well done, good and faithful servant! You have been faithful
with a few things; I will put you in charge of many things. Come
and share your master's happiness!'* Matthew 25:21

Spiritual Gifts: Romans 12:6-8 / 1 Cor. 12:8-10 & 28-30 / Eph. 4:11-13

Your serving isn't locked into a _____.

*There are different kinds of gifts, but the same Spirit distributes
them. ⁵ There are different kinds of service, but the same
Lord. ⁶ There are different kinds of working, but in all of them
and in everyone it is the same God at work.* 1 Corinthians 12:4-6

Serve from God's _____. 4:11

We limit ourselves when we serve
from simply our _____.

Real success comes as we _____ totally on Him.

*But God chose the foolish things of the world to shame the
wise; God chose the weak things of the world to shame the
strong.* 1 Corinthians 1:27

(God) ... for my power is made perfect in weakness.
(Paul) ... For when I am weak, then I am strong.
2 Corinthians 12:9-10

Optional Readings:

SERVING is a theme of Jesus and His followers.

Matt. 23¹¹ 25³⁵⁻⁴⁰ **Mark** 10⁴⁴⁻⁴⁵ **Luke** 22²⁶⁻²⁷
John 12²⁶ 13¹⁴⁻¹⁷ **Romans** 12^{6-8, 11 & 13} **1 Cor.** 12^{8-10 & 28-30}
Gal. 5¹³ 6² **Eph.** 6⁷⁻⁸ **Col.** 3²⁴ **Hebrews** 6¹⁰ **1 Peter** 4⁷⁻¹¹