

Serve the Lord with Gladness IV

“Serving from a Heart of Love”

Psalm 100:1 Make a joyful noise unto the LORD, all ye lands. ² **Serve the LORD with gladness:** come before his presence with singing. ³ **Know** ye that the LORD he is God: it is he that hath made us, and not we ourselves; we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture. ⁴

Enter into his gates with thanksgiving, and into his courts with praise: be thankful unto him, and bless his name. ⁵ For the LORD is good; his mercy is everlasting; and his truth endureth to all generations.

Servants serving is not just a Hebrew concept.

Servants serving is a powerful d***iscipleship*** concept as well for followers of Jesus Christ.

Paul, a powerful first-century Apostle, identified himself as a servant of Jesus Christ.

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Servant g1401. δοῦλος doulos; from 1210; a slave (literal or figurative, involuntary or voluntary; frequently, therefore in a qualified sense of subjection or subserviency): — bond(-man), servant. AV (127) - servant 120, bond 6, bondman 1;

¹ a slave, bondman, man of servile condition a slave metaph., (one who gives himself up to another's will those whose service is used by Christ in extending and advancing his cause among men) ² one devoted to

another to the disregard of one's own interests a servant, attendant.

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Paul was p~~ri~~**marily** a servant of Jesus Christ.

Paul was called which was a divine assignment. *Acts 9*

Paul was assigned to preach the gospel of God to the Gentiles.

Every divine call becomes more **ocused** over time.

Never forget we are all called to be servants of Jesus Christ.

II

The concept of being a bonds slave, or a bondservant, comes directly out of the Torah.

KJV Deuteronomy 15:16 And it shall be, if he say unto thee, I will not go away from thee; because he **loveth** thee and thine house, because he is well with thee; ¹⁷ Then thou shalt take an aul, and thrust it through his ear unto the door, and he shall be **thy servant for ever**. And also unto thy maidservant thou shalt do likewise.

Deuteronomy 15 is called the seven-year **release**.

Every seven years, every slave and servant be set free.

Every seven years, the debt that caused one to become a bondservant was **remitted**.

Every servant that was released in the seventh year could not be sent out empty-handed. *Vs 14*

His master will give him generously of his flocks, and of his floor, seed, and of his wine press, something to drink and/or sell so that there will be no **need** in the land.

The bondslave was **marked** by a pierced ear lobe and an obedient attitude out of love.

Jesus said, "My sheep hear my voice and follow me."
John 10:27.

The bondslave loves to hear his master's voice and obey and please his master.

III

The bondservant did not serve because of **fear**.

The bondservant did not serve because of **fame**.

The bondservant did not serve because of **finance**.

The bondservant served because they were fascinated with their master.

The bondservant served because he loved his master.

Bond, servants wait for what their master desires next.

“Watch what I do next!”

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