

“YOUR REASONABLE SERVICE” – Romans 12:1

Abstract

The Bible speaks of service that every believer can participate in regardless of age, how long one has been saved, what one's occupation is, where one lives, what one's physical condition is, what level of education one has, what day and time it is, who one may be with, or what the weather is. This service is practical and effective and highly valued by God. In this message I will cite from the Bible what this service is and at least four ways to perform this service.

Outline

I. Introduction (Read Romans 12:1)

A. Romans 12:1 says “Present your body. . .which is your reasonable service” but it does not say where, when, or how.

B. Meaning of the Greek word translated “service” in the KJV.

C. The appeal is based on “the mercies of God” that have been extended to us.

C. Every believer can participate fully in this service anytime, anywhere, regardless of the circumstances or the condition of the individual (physical, mental, or spiritual)!

II. Four practical applications

A. Prayer & supplication

B. Meeting

C. Gospel outreach

D. Care for those who are mourning

III. A few closing comments...

A. A servant doesn't do whatever he thinks is a good idea. A servant waits on his master.

B. The dangers of “volunteer service”:

1. Pride
2. Self righteousness and judging others
3. Competition

B. “What shall this man do?” (John 21:21). The error of applying one's calling to others.

D. Service with no value (1 Corinthians 13 – “If I have not love it profits me nothing”.)

MY BODY...

...was created in the image of God (Genesis 1:27)

...was declared to be VERY GOOD (Genesis 1:31)

...became subject to physical corruption and death because of sin
(Corinthians 15:53, Romans 5:12, Genesis 3:19)

...yet is still “fearfully and wonderfully made” (Psalm 139:14)

...desires God (Psalm 63:1)

...was purchased by God (1 Corinthians 6:20)

...was washed with pure water (Hebrews 10:22)

...was made a member of Christ (1 Corinthians 6:15)

...is holy and acceptable to God (Romans 12:1)

...is seen by God even if clothed (Hebrews 4:13)

...can manifest the life of Jesus (2 Corinthians 4:11)

...will be changed so that it is no longer corruptible and subject to death
(Corinthians 15:51-53)

...belongs to God and is loved, cared for, and enjoyed by Him (1 Corinthians
6:13, John 16:27, Matthew 6:25-28, 1 Peter 5:7)

...is the temple of the Holy Spirit! (1 Corinthians 6:19)