

FREEDOM TO SERVE

4th of July Weekend

July 6, 2008

Luke 4:18-21 (NIV) *“The Spirit of the Lord is on Me, because He has anointed Me to preach good news to the poor. He has sent Me to proclaim freedom for the prisoners and recovery of sight for the blind, to release the oppressed, ¹⁹ to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor.’ ²⁰ Then He rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the attendant and sat down. The eyes of everyone in the synagogue were fastened on Him, ²¹ and He began by saying to them, ‘Today this scripture is fulfilled in your hearing.’”*

John 8:36 (NIV) *“So if the Son sets you free, you will be free indeed.”*

Mark 10:45 (NLT) *“For even I, the Son of Man, came here not to be served but to serve others, and to give My life as a ransom for many.”*

TEN REASONS WHY YOU SHOULD GIVE YOUR LIFE TO SERVING GOD AND OTHERS

1. You were _____ for service.

Ephesians 2:10 (NIV) *“For we are God's workmanship, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do.”*

2. You were _____ for service.

2 Timothy 1:9 (TLB) *“It is He (God) who saved us and chose us for His holy work...”*

3. You were _____ by God to serve.

Ephesians 4:1 (NIV) *“...Live a life worthy of the calling you have received.”*

4. You've been _____ for service.

1 Peter 4:10 (TLB) *“God has given each of you some special abilities; be sure to use them to help each other...”*

5. You've been _____ to serve others.

Matthew 20:28a (TLB) *"Your attitude must be like My own, for I, the Messiah, did not come to be served, but to serve..."*

6. Serving proves you _____ to Christ.

Romans 7:4b (TEV) *"...You are **part of the body of Christ**; and now you belong to Him who was raised from death in order that we might be useful in the service of God."*

7. Your Church Family _____ your service.

1 Corinthians 12:27 (TLB) *"All of you together are the one body of Christ, and each one of you is a separate and necessary part of it."*

8. Serving Others Is _____ to serve God.

Colossians 3:23-24 (NIV) *"Whatever you do, **work at it with all your heart**, as working for the Lord, not for men, ²⁴ since you know that you will receive an inheritance from the Lord as a reward. **It is the Lord Christ you are serving.**"*

9. Serve because you _____ everything to God.

Romans 12:1a (TEV) *"So then, my friends, **because of God's great mercy to us I appeal to you: Offer yourselves** as a living sacrifice to God, **dedicated to His service and pleasing to Him.**"*

10. Service gives _____ to your Life.

Mark 8:35 (NLT) *"If you try to keep your life for yourself, you will lose it. **But if you give up your life for My sake and for the sake of the Good News, you will find true life.**"*

It's not the _____ but the

_____ of your life that matters.

1 Corinthians 15:58 (TEV) *"So then, my dear friends, stand firm and steady. Keep busy always in your **work for the Lord**, since*

*you know that nothing you do **in the Lord's service** is ever useless."*