

THE EVIDENCE OF BEING A SERVANT OF GOD

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2nd Corinthians 6:3-10

Being a servant of God is proven in what you are willing to **ACCEPT**. A servant is **GIVEN** instructions to complete. They are **HANDED** directions follow. They **ACCEPT** the conditions they are placed under no matter how it feels.

The willingness to accept what has been put before you is **PROOF** of servanthood. Sometimes the things that God puts in front of you are very difficult to deal with. Such as leading a group of stubborn people, caring for a disabled child, leading a church that is resistant to change, etc.

Despite the challenges, the willingness to **ACCEPT** what God has given you validates your servanthood to the Lord. 2nd Corinthians 6:3-10 says, "We do not want anyone to find fault with our work, so nothing we do will be a

problem for anyone. But in every way we show we are servants of God: in **accepting** many hard things, in troubles, in difficulties, and in great problems. We are beaten and thrown into prison.

We meet those who become upset with us and start riots. We work hard, and sometimes we get no sleep or food. We show we are servants of God by our pure lives, our understanding, patience, and kindness, by the Holy Spirit, by true love, by speaking the truth, and by God's power.

We use our right living to defend ourselves against everything. Some people honor us, but others blame us. Some people say evil things about us, but others say good things. Some people say we are liars, but we speak the truth. We are not known, but we are well known.

We seem to be dying, but we continue to live. We are punished, but we are not killed. We have much sadness, but we are always rejoicing. We are poor, but we are making many people rich in faith. We have nothing, but really we have everything."

If you are willing to accept hard things, troubles, difficulties and problems you will prove yourself to be a servant of the Lord. This may sound daunting. However, the Lord will never allow you to go through anything you cannot handle.

He will always supply you with the tools to complete the task. Most people run at the sight of trouble. Some people turn away from God in the midst of difficulty. If you can **ACCEPT** the hard things of God you are a **REAL** servant of the Lord.

DID YOU NOTICE THIS?

Being a servant unto the Lord is **NOT** defined as a person who does good deeds. It is a person who endures through tough moments. Service unto God is not like service unto men. God is not looking at your acts. He is looking at your faith.

Faith is tested in the presence of fire. It is developed in times of uncertainty. It is manifested in times of lack. True servants of the Lord understand that demonstrating faith is more important than doing good deeds.

The scripture does not mention that we will go through hard times. It says His servants will experience hard things. This is very important to understand. Time and things are completely different.

Time is a period of limited intervals such as seasons. A thing is an object of thought that materializes into the world such as prisons, low income housing, jealousy, hatred, etc. You may be thinking, isn't jealousy and hatred a thought?

Yes it is. However, thoughts materialize into demonstrative actions. Servants of the Lord are destined to go through jealousy, hatred, discrimination, prison, racism, etc. These and so much more are the **HARD THINGS** that are mentioned in the scripture.

Through the hard things that servants **MUST** endure they are proven to be authentic when they show evidence of their pure lives while demonstrating understanding, patience, kindness, true love and speaking the truth.

DEFINITIONS

- What is a pure life? A pure life is a not a perfect life. It is a **BLAMELESS** life. When do what is right you will remain blameless.
- What is understanding? Understanding is **COMPREHENSION**. It is the ability to articulate and explain information accurately.
- What is patience? Patience is waiting **WITHOUT** the presence of opposition.
- What is kindness? Kindness is gentleness. Being gentle is exhibiting **GRADUALNESS** in what you say and do.

- What is true love? True love is a **SELFLESS** act done by someone to benefit another person.
- What is truth? Truth is **ORIGINAL** information. The original information of the Bible is not religion. It is the Kingdom of God.

When you meet a person whose life reflects and embodies these attributes you are looking at a servant of the Lord. These attributes and characteristics defines the true servants of God.

Servants are rulers over **MANY** and managers over **MUCH**. Servants are not lowly people. They are not peasants. They are not slaves. Servants are rulers in God's Kingdom.

Mathew 25:21 says, "The master answered, 'You did well. You are a good and loyal servant. Because you were loyal

with small things, I will let you care for much greater things.
Come and share my joy with me."

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