



## **CHRISTIAN SERVICE**

1. The job of the pastor-teacher is to: **Eph. 4:12** - **equip the saints** [through the teaching of Bible doctrine] **for the work** [ergon] **of service** [diakonia - word used for the spiritual gift of service] **to the building up of the body of Christ.**
2. At the moment of salvation, every believer enters into full-time Christian service. The believer builds on the foundation of salvation with Christian service. The phrase "full-time Christian service" does not imply the narrow view of simply being a pastor, evangelist, or missionary.
3. Christian service is a legitimate function of the plan of God, however it is not the means of executing that plan. **Christian service is never a means but always a result of spiritual progress and growth. Spiritual growth comes from learning doctrine which results in Christian service.**  
Christian service may function through witnessing, prayer and a spiritual gift such as helps, administration, service, etc.,.
4. Your motivation and status quo as a Christian count more than what you do because they determine the legitimacy of your Christian service. Both motivation, mental attitude, and status quo, filling of the H.S., are the real issues in Christian service.
5. **Spiritual momentum and motivation from learning Bible doctrine must precede Christian service.** Therefore, Christian service is the result of spiritual momentum but never the means of momentum.
6. **Spiritual skills must precede production skills for the performance of that divine good.** Spiritual skills – Rebound, Faith-Rest, Law of Liberty / Law of Love
7. The performance of Christian service or good deeds in the status of arrogance or lust motivation parlays good deeds into dead works. The only way to do a right thing in a right way regarding Christian service is to have the right motivation, mental attitude, which is an integral part of being filled with the H.S.
8. Believers should be motivated to serve because they love the Lord.
  - a. **Eph. 6:6-8**, ***"Not on the basis of eye service, as men pleasers, but as servants of Christ, constantly doing the will of God from your own soul. Keep serving with enthusiasm, as to the Lord, and not to men, knowing that each one whatever [divine] good he performs, this he will receive with interest from the Lord, whether slave or free."***

b. **Col 3:23-24**, "**Whatever you do, accomplish it from the soul as to the Lord and not to mankind; knowing that from the Lord you will receive the reward of the inheritance** [escrow blessings]. **You serve the Lord Christ.**"

c. **Phil 2:13-14** "**For God** [Holy Spirit] **works in you, both to will and to do His good pleasure. Do all things without complaining** [whining, fault finding, grumbling, dissatisfaction, murmuring, griping, irritation] **or strife** [disputing, arguing, controversy, quarreling]."

9. Christian service is a personal issue between a believer and God. No one is allowed to judge the service or lack of it in others!