



“And Jesus took the loaves, and when He had given thanks He distributed them to the disciples, and the disciples to those sitting down.” (John 6:11)

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Seek or Serve

Seeking the Lord is good

- “The young lions lack and suffer hunger; But those who seek the Lord shall not lack any good thing.” (Psalm 34:10)
- “Seek the Lord and His strength; Seek His face evermore!” (Psalm 105:4)
- “But seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things shall be added to you.” (Matt. 6:33)



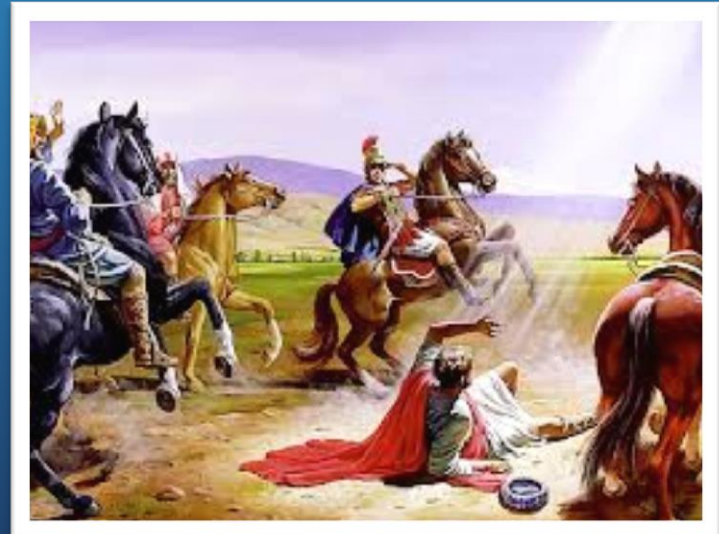
God created man to serve

- “For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand that we should walk in them.” (Ephesians 2:10)



God saved us in order to serve

- “[God] who has saved us and called us with a holy calling, not according to our works, but according to His own purpose and grace which was given to us in Christ Jesus before time began...” (2 Tim. 1:9)
- Examples of those who were saved, then served:
 - Moses
 - St. Matthew
 - Simon’s wife’s mother
 - St. Paul



Service is not optional

- “And whoever desires to be first among you, let him be your slave— just as the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give His life a ransom for many.” (Matt. 20:27-28)



How to serve?

- The sacrifice of praise
 - “Let my prayer be set before You as incense, the lifting up of my hands as the evening sacrifice.” (Psalm 141:2)
- Edify one another through our assembly
 - “And let us consider one another in order to stir up love and good works, **not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together**, as is the manner of some, but exhorting one another, and so much the more as **you see the Day approaching.**” (Hebrews 10:24)
- Prayer for one another
 - “The effective, fervent prayer of a righteous man avails much.” (Jam. 5:16)
- Partaking of the Eucharist
 - “For as often as you eat this bread and drink this cup, you proclaim the Lord's death till He comes.” (1 Cor. 11:26)

It is important

- *“What matters is not the duration of your life, but the donation of it.” (Rick Warren)*
- Weak servants, when placed in God’s hands, are transformed into great servants.

