

KNOWING YOURSELF

INTRODUCTION

- ✘ The Service = The work of God for men.
- ✘ Because of Love He gave us a share in the service.
- ✘ To grow spiritually, I must know myself.

KNOWING YOURSELF IN THE SERVICE

1. Love
2. Prayer
3. Giving and Sacrifice
4. Spiritual Nourishment
5. My Salvation
6. Zeal
7. Pleasing to whom?
8. Responsibility

1. LOVE

- ✗ Service IS love.
- ✗ Do I grow in this love to the point that I can love my enemy?

2. PRAYER

- ✗ Where am I in my prayers?
 - + Routine? Relationship?
- ✗ Can I say “Early I will seek you. My soul thirsts for you, My flesh longs for you?” (ps 63:1)
 - + Do I consider it a sin to stop praying?
 - ✗ “Moreover, as for me, far be it from me that I should sin against the Lord in ceasing to pray for you” (1sam 12:23)

3. GIVING AND SACRIFICE

- ✖ A servant gives without obligation.
- ✖ Gives to everyone in every occasion, everywhere.
- ✖ Do I have the ability to sacrifice my fun time to visit the kids?
- ✖ What is the feeling I get when I do those things?
 - + Giving? Or taking?

4. SPIRITUAL NOURISHMENT

- ✗ Do I offer my kids nourishment to feed their souls?
- ✗ Am I a faithful steward?
 - + “who then is that faithful and wise steward whom his master will make ruler over his household, to give them their portion of food in due season?” (Lk 12:42)
- ✗ The service is life
 - + “The words that I speak to you are Spirit, and they are life” (Jn 6:63)

5. MY SALVATION

- ✗ Do I care about my salvation and my eternity?
- ✗ St. Paul was concerned with his.
 - + “But I discipline my body and bring it into subjection, lest, when I have preached to others, I myself should become disqualified” (1 Cor 9:27)

6. ZEAL

- ✗ Can I say with St. Paul
 - + “Who is weak, and I am not weak? Who is made to stumble, and I do not burn with indignation” (2 Cor 11:29)
- ✗ Do I search for the lost sheep?
- ✗ St. Paul also said
 - + “I have become all things to all men, that I might by all means save some” (1 Cor 9:22)

7. PLEASING WHOM?

- ✘ Is my service Pleasing to God or myself?
- ✘ Am I serving because I am sharing God's work?

8. RESPONSIBILITY

- ✘ God and the Church have entrusted me to serve these people.
 - + Am I taking this responsibility with seriousness?
- ✘ Do I realize that I will be held accountable for my service in front of God?
- ✘ Will He say to me?
 - + “Well done, good and faithful servant, you have been faithful over a few things, I will make you ruler over many things. Enter into the joy of your Lord” (Mt 25:21)

REVIEW

1. Do I share God's love in the service?
2. Is my prayer where it should be?
3. Is my giving an obligation or a blessing?
4. Do I REALLY nourish God's children with His Words?

REVIEW

- 5. Do I care about my salvation as well?
- 6. Am I zealous in my service to serve every child?
- 7. Am I serving to please God or myself?
- 8. Do I accept the responsibility that God and the Church have given me with honor and reverence?