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# Living the Christian Life

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**B. B. DO NOT SERVE FOR REWARD**

Read Luke 17:7-10. God expects us to do the things His word and service requires of us without taking thought for ourselves. Our attitude from this passage is to be one of not seeking reward, but rather knowing that when we have done all, there is still more to be done. This is the attitude God requires of us! It is interesting to note that whilst we are sons of God and have right to an inheritance, servanthood requires we have no right to expect immediate rewards. See Luke 15:29-31.

**C. C. FAITHFULNESS**

Read 1 Thessalonians 5:24(a). God requires that we emulate His faithfulness in our Christian service. It is our faithfulness that brings reward – not our having a heart for reward. Read also 1 Corinthians 4:1,2 and 2 Timothy 2:2. Judas sought his reward before his time and this led him to betray Jesus (Matthew 25:14-23).

**D. D. NOT FEARING MAN**

In our Christian service it is better to fear God than to fear man. A fear of man robs us of the strength to say the things that God puts upon our hearts to say. This then effects our loyalty to Christ and gives the victory to Satan. We need to speak out and not consider the cost. Read Matthew 10:22-28.

**E. E. BE PREPARED TO SUFFER**

Christ is our example in Christian service. As a servant fulfilling His Father's plan, He experienced suffering (Isaiah 52:14; 53:5; Matthew 27:26; 1 John 4:17b).

**F. F. SERVE OUT OF THE ABUNDANCE HE HAS GIVEN US**

At creation, God planted us in His garden and gave us all we needed for our sustenance. In Christ He confirmed that provision (John 10:10). So it comes with serving – we minister out of all that God has given us.