

A Serving Heart

Sunday November 26, 2023
Series: A Heart for God

*“Therefore, having this ministry by the mercy of God, we do not lose heart.”
2 Corinthians 4:1 ESV*

My Lifestyle Reveals Our Creator to a Broken World!

The _____ About Serving Jesus

- It is a Glorious _____

*“But thanks be to God, who in Christ always leads us in triumphal procession, and through us spreads the fragrance of the knowledge of him everywhere.”
2 Corinthians 2:14 ESV*

- It is a Great _____

“For I wrote to you out of much affliction and anguish of heart and with many tears, not to cause you pain but to let you know the abundant love that I have for you.” 2 Corinthians 2:4 ESV

_____ Challenge -

*“Five times I received at the hands of the Jews the forty lashes less one. Three times I was beaten with rods. Once I was stoned. Three times I was shipwrecked; a night and a day I was adrift at sea;”
2 Corinthians 11:24–25 ESV*

(Also: Deuteronomy 25:3; Acts 16:22; Acts 14:19; Acts 27:39)

*“on frequent journeys, in danger from rivers, danger from robbers, danger from my own people, danger from Gentiles, danger in the city, danger in the wilderness, danger at sea, danger from false brothers; in toil and hardship, through many a sleepless night, in hunger and thirst, often without food, in cold and exposure.”
2 Corinthians 11:26–27 ESV*

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This Was God’s _____

*“And a vision appeared to Paul in the night: a man of Macedonia was standing there, urging him and saying, “Come over to Macedonia and help us.” And when Paul had seen the vision, immediately we sought to go on into Macedonia, concluding that God had called us to preach the gospel to them.”
Acts 16:9–10 ESV*

-Ministry is a _____

*“And we all, with unveiled face, beholding the glory of the Lord, are being transformed into the same image from one degree of glory to another. For this comes from the Lord who is the Spirit.”
2 Corinthians 3:18 ESV*

*“But we have this treasure in jars of clay, to show that the surpassing power belongs to God and not to us. We are afflicted in every way, but not crushed; perplexed, but not driven to despair;”
2 Corinthians 4:7–8 ESV*

_____ of Serving Jesus

- God Works _____ Us

“Therefore, my beloved, as you have always obeyed, so now, not only as in my presence but much more in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling, for it is God who works in you, both to will and to work for his good pleasure.”
Philippians 2:12–13 ESV

-God Works _____ Us

Be _____ — *“Therefore, my beloved brothers, be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that in the Lord your labor is not in vain.”*
1 Corinthians 15:58 ESV

Be _____ — *“And let us not grow weary of doing good, for in due season we will reap, if we do not give up.”*
Galatians 6:9 ESV

Be _____ — *“Therefore do not throw away your confidence, which has a great reward. For you have need of endurance, so that when you have done the will of God you may receive what is promised.”*
Hebrews 10:35–36 ESV

Be _____ — *“So we do not lose heart. Though our outer self is wasting away, our inner self is being renewed day by day.”*
2 Corinthians 4:16 ESV

Be _____ — *“Consider him who endured from sinners such hostility against himself, so that you may not grow weary or fainthearted.”*
Hebrews 12:3 ESV

_____ for Serving Jesus

1. Renounce Any Compromise of Our _____

“But we have renounced disgraceful, underhanded ways. We refuse to practice cunning or to tamper with God’s word, but by the open statement of the truth we would commend ourselves to everyone’s conscience in the sight of God.”
2 Corinthians 4:2 ESV

2. Refuse to Compromise Our _____

3. Refuse to Compromise Our _____

4. Refuse to Compromise Our _____

5. Recognize Our Ministry is God’s _____

“And even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled to those who are perishing. In their case the god of this world has blinded the minds of the unbelievers, to keep them from seeing the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God.”
2 Corinthians 4:3–4 ESV

6. We Must Proclaim the _____

“For what we proclaim is not ourselves, but Jesus Christ as Lord, with ourselves as your servants for Jesus’ sake.”
2 Corinthians 4:5 ESV

7. We Must Share What God is _____

“For God, who said, “Let light shine out of darkness,” has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.”
2 Corinthians 4:6 ESV

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