

**ONE FOR ALL AND ALL FOR ONE****10/4/16**

*The above term became popular by its use in the three musketeers, even though it's the principle theme for Christian life. This lifestyle directive from the bible isn't just a romantic slogan, but is a revelation for remarkable, powerful living. The great joy of escaping certain death and the discovery of the personal plans God has for us, is amazing in every way. We were saved through being obedient to spiritually motivated actions. We yielded to spiritual principles before the power of God could enter us. Likewise, our day to day servitude to God should be no different. We all have a job to do, but many never give God the chance to reveal what he has actually planned for them. Much of our life can be spiritually wasted, if we don't make the effort to serve God beyond the basics of reading, prayer and fellowship... for some, even this is a struggle.*

**Jesus was not backward when demanding our recognition of spiritual service. JOH 4:34** Jesus saith unto them, My **meat** is to do the will of him that sent me, and to **finish his work**. Jesus gave up his life so that all of us could have ours. **35** Say not ye, There are yet four months, and *then* cometh harvest? behold, I say unto you, **Lift up your eyes** (look beyond natural abilities and interests, there are spiritual jobs to be done), and look on the fields; for they are white already to harvest. God's top priority for us, is that we become of great spiritual benefit to humanity... both in and out of the church (but especially to those who are spirit filled).

**Our servitude is clearly defined and needs to be diligently applied. HEB 10:22** Let us draw near with a **true heart in full assurance of faith**, having our hearts sprinkled from an evil conscience, and our bodies washed with pure water. This is a first priority duty. **23** Let us hold fast the profession of *our* faith without wavering; (for he *is* faithful that promised;) **24** And let us **consider one another to provoke unto love and to good works: 25 Not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together**, as the manner of some *is*; but **exhorting one another**: and so **much the more**, as ye see the day approaching. Fellowship and servitude are coupled together for good reason... How can you serve anyone if your not part of their everyday life? Let's compare...

\*Does our commitment to these scriptures reflect the Lord's purposes?

\*If all younger saints followed our personal lifestyle, would the church be better or worse off?

\*Are your priorities hindering or helping God's plans?

**26** For if we sin wilfully after that we have received the knowledge of the truth, there remaineth no more sacrifice for sins, Does this mean that if we are not addressing servitude, we risk wilfully sinning? Servitude is certainly the topic before the closing warning and is and ongoing theme through all the New Testament.

**God has weighed your strengths and weaknesses and planned accordingly. LUK 18:18** And a certain **ruler** asked him, saying, Good Master, what shall I do to inherit eternal life? **19** And Jesus said unto him, Why callest thou me good? none *is* good, save one, *that is*, God. **20** Thou knowest the commandments, Do not commit adultery, Do not kill, Do not steal, Do not bear false witness, Honour thy father and thy mother. **21** And he said, All these have I kept from my youth up. **22** Now when Jesus heard these things, he said unto him, Yet lackest thou one thing: sell all that thou hast, and distribute unto the poor, and thou shalt have treasure in heaven: and come, follow me. **23** And when he heard this, he was very sorrowful: for he was very rich. **24** And when Jesus saw that he was very sorrowful, he said, How hardly shall they that have riches enter into the kingdom of God! *Wealth alone wasn't the problem, it was his inability to get his priorities right... materialism interrupted his faith.* **25** For it is easier for a camel to go through a needle's eye, than for a rich man to enter into the kingdom of God. *It is very hard to discipline natural desires.* **26** And they that heard *it* said, Who then can be saved? **27** And he said, The things which are impossible with men are possible with God. **28** Then Peter said, Lo, we have left all, and followed thee. **29** And he said unto them, Verily I say unto you, There is no man that hath left house, or parents, or brethren, or wife, or children, for the kingdom of God's sake, **30** Who shall not receive **manifold more in this present time**, and in the world to come life everlasting. *This requires the same act of faith that our salvation conversion demanded... putting God in the absolute first position. Let our success and increase come from God, as we serve others (a natural increase is faithfully promised in greater volume than what we can ever achieve). Our servitude shouldn't be something we fit in, on top of a busy natural life. We are encouraged to change our priorities and allow God to bring forth our natural increase.*

**Can the Lord trust in you to make the effort to do your bit? 1PET 4:7** But the end of all things is at hand: be ye therefore sober, and watch unto prayer. **8** And above all things have fervent charity among yourselves: for **charity shall cover the multitude of sins.** **9** Use hospitality one to another without grudging. **10** As every man hath received the gift, *even so* minister the same one to another, as good stewards of the manifold grace of God. *These skills are developed from stepping out in faith on a regular basis. We all have differing skills and abilities, we all have something to offer... after all, we are all for one and one for all.*