

WILLING TO SERVE GOD

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As followers of God, we are asked to take advantage of all the resources we can find in this life and then use them to develop our ministry, the end result of which will very much depend on the quality of our spiritual maturity. It is possible to pastor a local church without ever being a minister. But actually we are all called to be servants of God. The topic of our meditation on: "Willingness to serve God" is focused on the goal of how our willingness as disciples of Christ can fulfill the call of service that God has set for each of us as the top priority in this life. And that can only happen if we are willing to be formed into disciples of Christ who are more and more like Christ. Let's pay attention to our guide verse above which says, "and whoever wants to be first must be your slave just as the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many." (Matthew 20:27-28 NIV).

The Lord Jesus is willing to come upon this world as the Son of Man and be an example for us. He came not to be served, but to serve and was willing to give up His life to be a ransom for us all. Disciples of Christ who are willing to be changed to be more like Christ will always be willing to do whatever God commands, even when it feels uncomfortable. He will always want to learn to put himself in the place that God has set. A Christ-like servant will always want to be, in a place where God really wants him to be, to do all His will. Christlike ministers will be willing to carry out each task with dedication, even without anyone ordering it. Christlike ministers will always want to be faithful to their ministry and also to their leaders. Christlike ministers will want to remain humble. In this month, let's explore and learn together how important it is for our willingness to serve God who is King above all kings. But we also need to realize that everyone has weaknesses. In fact, we all have a set of weaknesses and imperfections, including: physical, emotional, intellectual, and spiritual, and because of that we need to experience change. In the GMI retreat at the end of October 2023, we will also discuss the topic: "Josephs in our generation" (Genesis 50:20). Joseph became an example of a person who underwent changes according to God's will and His word, so that in the end he could be used by God to care for the Israelites and also the nations. Many Christians are not ready to face the big changes that will occur in this last age, so because of the limitations that exist within them, there may be Christians who are tempted to say, that "I am not ready to serve yet." God never asked us to wait until we are perfect, then serve. Weaknesses cause us to depend on God and increase our ability to obey His commandments more and more, so that we are also strengthened to serve Him and our neighbors. Let's be a generation that has willingness to serve God and others. Lord Jesus bless you, Amen!

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