

Series: No More Milk (Pathway to Maturity)

Topic: **SERVING GOD & PEOPLE**

Text(s): Luke 7:36-48, Joshua 24:11-15, Luke 7:35-48, Proverbs 9:10



1. **Introduction:** Serving God is one of the biggest parts of spiritual maturity, as you grow in the knowledge of God and you get better understanding of his word, you come to the realization that serving Him is beyond the four corners of the church. It translates into how you treat and serve your fellow man. Today we will look at what serving God looks like and how it should impact others.
2. **To Serve or not to Serve?! Joshua 24:11-15**
 1. A privilege to serve with God...vs 14
 2. The choice to not serve...v15
 3. No One will be forced to serve. John 6:53-69
3. **Your Forgiveness level shows in your Service to God. Luke 7:36-48**
 1. How much have you been forgiven?
 2. Ungrateful is the One who has been forgiven much yet renders little Service to God. Luke 17:11
4. **Knowledge of the Holy One Ignites Service – Proverbs 9:10**
 1. Ephesians 1:17
 2. Colossians 1:9
 3. 2 Peter 1:2
5. **Knowledge births Maturity, Maturity births Service to Men**
 1. We forgive because he has forgiven us – Matthew 5:43-48
 2. We love because he has love us – 1 John 4:11-21
 3. We give because he has given us – Matthew 10:5-8
 4. We Service Others because he served us. John 13:12-17, Philippians 2:1-7
6. **5 Take Aways**
 1. Your Service to God starts where no man is – John 14:21,23-34
 2. Don't just read the Word practice it! – Leviticus 19:37, Psalm 119:34
 3. Find people who are grateful for what God has done for them and practice service with them. Luke 17:15-16
 4. Your service to God will not look like everyone else, but in all you do, do it to honor God! 1 Corinthians 10:31
 5. God is looking for a willing and genuine heart to serve Him, not a performative heart. Acts 8:9,13,18-23

Conclusion: *Your service to God is first between you and Him. As He teaches you the do and don'ts. He will then require you to practice it on people. Those you struggled to love, forgive, be kind to and so forth. God will show you through the scriptures how to exercise what you have read. This takes you from your secret place of knowledge, to the practicality of servicing. This impacts a wide range of people, your family, friends' co-workers and church members. God teaches you Service in private so that he can display you publicly for all to benefit from.*