

Service

I. Introduction

- A. Anyone who can tell me all the specific KJV names or words regarding servant or service within 50 seconds (without looking at my list), I'll give you \$50.
- B. Anyone have a testimony of what God did through theirs or someone else's service (e.g., a mission's trip, a visit to nursing home or hospital, teaching, leading a Bible Study, as Care Group leader, as a records keeper...)?
- C. Does everyone serve something or someone?
- D. Is serving or being a servant a bad thing?
- E. Does God say it is sinful to serve or to be served?

Words for Service

#	Name/Word	KJV #
1	servant	502
2	servants	480
3	serve	209
4	service	132
5	served	74
6	maid	37
7	Bonds	26
8	Bond	19
9	Bondmen	17
10	maidservant	17
11	manservant	13
12	menservants	10
13	maidservants	10
14	serving	7
15	Bondman	6
16	Bondwoman	6
17	Bondwomen	3
18	servest	2
19	manservant	1
20	bondservant	1
21	Yokefellow	1
22	Yoked	1
23	slaves	1
24	slave	1

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II. Scripture

- A. **Service Definition:** *"the action of helping or doing work for someone."* If you look up *"the best definition of service"* on the internet, *"Service is defined as someone or something that is intended to provide help to those providing assistance to others."*
- B. **A Bond Servant (Exo. 21:5-6; Deu. 15:16-17).**

C. Select Scripture

1. **John 12:26** – *"If any man serve Me, let him follow Me; and where I am, there shall also My servant be: if any man serve Me, him will My Father honor."*
2. **Dan. 6:20** – *"...O Daniel, servant of the living God, is thy God, Whom thou servest continually, able to deliver thee from the lions?"*
3. **Mal. 3:14** – *"Ye have said, It is vain to serve God: and what profit is it..."*
4. **Mat. 6:24** – *"No man can serve two masters: for either he will hate the one, and love the other; or else he will hold to the one, and despise the other. Ye cannot serve God and mammon."*
5. **Mat. 25:21** – *"His lord said unto him, Well done, thou good and faithful servant: thou hast been faithful over a few things, I will make thee ruler over many things: enter thou into the joy of thy lord."*

6. *1Ch. 28:9 – "And thou, Solomon my son, know thou the God of thy father, and **serve Him with a perfect heart and with a willing mind**: for the LORD searcheth all hearts, and understandeth all the imaginations of the thoughts: if thou seek Him, He will be found of thee; but if thou forsake Him, He will cast thee off forever."*
7. *1Ch. 29:5 – "...And who then is willing to **consecrate his service this day unto the LORD?**"*
8. *Eph 6:6-8 – "6-**Not with eyeservice, as men-pleasers; but as the servants of Christ, doing the will of God from the heart**; 7-**With good will doing service, as to the Lord, and not to men**: 8-**Knowing that whatsoever good thing any man doeth, the same shall he receive of the Lord, whether he be bond or free.**"*
9. *Gal. 5:13 – "For, brethren, ye have been called unto liberty; only use not liberty for an occasion to the flesh, but **by love serve one another.**"*
10. *Rom. 12:1 – "I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies **a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service.**"*
11. *Jos. 24:14-24 – "Now therefore fear the LORD, and **serve Him in sincerity and in truth**: and put away the gods which your fathers served on the other side of the flood, and in Egypt; and **serve ye the LORD**. And if it seem evil unto you to **serve the LORD, choose you this day whom ye will serve**; whether the gods which your fathers served that were on the other side of the flood, or the gods of the Amorites, in whose land ye dwell: but as for me and my house, we will serve the LORD. And the people answered and said, God forbid that we should forsake the LORD, **to serve other gods...therefore will we also serve the LORD**; for he is our God. And Joshua said unto the people, **Ye cannot serve the LORD**: for he is a holy God; he is a jealous God; he will not forgive your transgressions nor your sins. If ye forsake the LORD, and **serve strange gods**, then he will turn and do you hurt, and consume you, after that he hath done you good. And the people said unto Joshua, Nay; but **we will serve the LORD**. And Joshua said unto the people, Ye are witnesses against yourselves that **ye have chosen you the LORD, to serve Him**. And they said, We are witnesses. Now therefore put away, said he, the strange gods which are among you, and incline your heart unto the LORD God of Israel. And the people said unto Joshua, **The LORD our God will we serve, and his voice will we obey.**"*

III. Application

- A. Step through LifeGroup Roles and Responsibilities (<https://ronnyberg.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/02/LifeGroup-Roles-and-Responsibilities.pdf>).
- B. Ask for Primary and Secondary service commitments.