

## QUESTIONS FOR DISCUSSION

1. How can we “not be conformed to this world,” and yet live in it?
2. Can we be sure we are serving in the right place?
3. Does God ever place obstacles in our path if He is leading the way?
4. Are the rewards spoken of in this text for this life or for eternal life?
5. When will our works be judged?

### SUMMARY:

In this machine age in which we live, there are times when we need a qualified person in a certain field to make necessary adjustments or repairs to keep our equipment running smoothly and efficiently.

There seems to be many a breakdown or power failure in the great work God would have us as a church perform here on this earth. It is not that the plan has failed, but that we as servicemen have neglected to learn our particular job well enough to carry our share of the responsibility and we are not operating well as a unit.

### NOTES:

## APOSTOLIC CHRISTIAN CHURCH

Bible Lesson #7

August 15, 2004

Third Quarter

### SERVICE

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**LESSON TEXT:** Romans 12:1-13; 1 Corinthians 3:9-15

**LESSON SETTING:** Written by Paul from Ephesus to the Christians in the churches at Corinth.

**TIME:** Approximately 59 A.D.

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**I. CONSECRATION FOR SERVICE.** Romans 12:1-2

- A. Giving Our All (vs. 1) Matthew 16:24
- B. Continually Renewing Our Minds (vs. 2) 2 Corinthians 4:16; Psalm 51:10

**II. COOPERATION IN SERVICE.** Romans 12:3-8

- A. Take an Honest Look at Ourselves (vs. 3)
- B. Find Our Place of Service (vs. 4-5) 1 Corinthians 12:8-11

**III. CONCEPTS OF SERVICE.** Romans 12:9-13

- A. Loving. John 15:12
- B. Kindly. Ephesians 4:32
- C. Uplifting. Philippians 1:3
- D. Hospitable. 1 Peter 4:9
- E. Unselfish. Matthew 22:39; Philippians 2:4

**IV. COMPENSATION FOR SERVICE.** 1 Corinthians 3:9-15

- A. Based on Quality. (vs. 13)
- B. Only the Tried and Tested are Worthy of Compensation (vs. 14)

***GOLDEN TEXT: IF ANY MAN SERVE ME, HIM WILL MY FATHER HONOR.***

John 12:26

**NEXT SUNDAY'S LESSON:** Luke 10:25-37

**SUPPLEMENTAL REFERENCES:** Exodus 23:1-9; Deuteronomy 6:1-9;  
Nehemiah 6:1-13;  
Matthew 23:34-40; James 1:1-32

**QUARTERLY THEME:** Christ the Son of Man

**TOPIC:** THE GOOD SAMARITAN

**INTRODUCTION:**

Of all God's creation man is the most helpless. Born without very many instincts, and with a sinful nature. He has many needs from cradle to the grave. Mankind is dependent first upon God, secondly upon his fellow man. His physical, mental and spiritual needs are endless. God has done His part by providing for man's every need. Jesus Christ is the answer to the depravity of man. The power of Jesus in the heart of man produces love, compassion, kindness and pity so that we may be able to give others what they need. One of the greatest needs of mankind is to be loved. God knows this and loved us by sending His only Son to prove His love for us.

He also gave Christians to one another and to all mankind to fill this important hunger by serving humbly to each one's needs. The Good Samaritan is an excellent example of this kind of service.

**CENTRAL TRUTH:** Christians should aim for active, tangible service to others.

***GOLDEN TEXT: SEE THAT NONE RENDER EVIL FOR EVIL UNTO ANY MAN; BUT EVER FOLLOW THAT WHICH IS GOOD, BOTH AMONG YOURSELVES, AND TO ALL MEN.*** 1 Thessalonians 5:15

One cannot even imagine what the world would be like if God's eternal principle, to love Him above all things, with our whole being, and to love our neighbor as ourselves, would be practiced by everyone. If we are wise, we will recognize and use every opportunity to serve God and our fellow man. Not only for praise of men, but serve in lowly, menial tasks to the glory and honor of God. This is the abundant life.

**DAILY BIBLE READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF August 16 - 22**

M. Serving the Lord. Deuteronomy 10:12  
T. The Disciples Serve. Matthew 19:16-30  
W. \*The Good Samaritan. Luke 10:25-37  
T. Mary and Martha Serve. Luke 10:38-42  
F. The Lord Served. John 13:1-17  
S. The Service of Brotherly Love. Romans 12:9-31  
S. The Service of Love. Romans 13:1-13