

WHY SERVE GOD? – 3
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REVIEW:

Serving God is a choice. Not serving God has consequences. Choosing to serve God is the right choice.

CONTINUE:

1. It's God's will. **HEBREWS 9:13-14 (AMPC)**
 - A. Hebrews speaks of Christ's superiority. He's greater than: angels, Moses, the law, prophets, temple, priesthood and every Old Testament sacrifice, including the red heifer.
 - B. Since Moses, there have been nine red heifers. The 10th one is to be sacrificed by the Messiah. The ashes were highly prized and cherished because they were needed to accomplish purification from sin, and cleanse the temple.
 - C. The red heifer sacrifice foreshadowed the sacrifice of Christ for the believer's sin. It was "without blemish" and sacrificed "outside the camp". Christ was without blemish and sacrificed "outside the city." The ashes of the red heifer cleansed from the contamination of death. The Blood of Jesus saves from the corruption and penalty of death. The 10th red heifer was Jesus.
 - D. The Blood of Jesus purges the conscience from dead works and encourages us to serve God. **EPHESIANS 2:8-10**
2. Serving demonstrates love.
 - A. **JOHN 21:15-17, 20-22** Doing what God wants us to do shows our love for Him. **ACTS 9:6**
The question to ask.
3. The body and mind need dealt with. **ROMANS 12:1-2**
 - A. Serving God begins with keeping the body under and renewing the mind.
4. God honors those who serve Him. **JOHN 12:26**
 - A. To honor means to highly esteem and regard.
5. God takes servanthood seriously.
 - A. **MATTHEW 25:23** Faithful servants get rewards.
 - B. **MATTHEW 25:30** Unprofitable servants don't.
6. Our lives touch two time periods.
 - A. Present day responsibility. **1 PETER 4:10 (NIV)**
 - B. Future day accountability. **2 CORINTHIANS 5:9-10**
7. Serving is following Jesus. **PHILIPPIANS 2:5-7**
 - A. Jesus went from being in the form of God to taking on the form of a servant. Jesus is our model servant. When the room was filled with proud hearts and dirty feet, the one who got the towel was Jesus.
 - B. **MATTHEW 23:11** Those who serve are considered the greatest according to Jesus.
8. Serving leads to promotion. **LUKE 14:11**
 - A. Jesus humbled Himself and was exalted to the highest place known. **PHILIPPIANS 2:9-11**

CONCLUSION:

1. We've all been called to serve.
2. Our motive is our love for God.
3. We all have been given gifts.
4. We all have something to offer.
5. There are many ways to serve.