

“Serve the Lord”

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Romans 12:11

Intro.:

I. Be **zealous** (because of love and mercy)

[oknēros] - lag - sluggish, slothful. (Matthew 25:26)

[spoudē] - zeal - earnestness in accomplishing. (1 Corinthians 15:58)

A. Working **hard** (Colossians 3:23-24; 1 Timothy 5:8)

1. Serving the Lord
2. Your job

B. Use your **gifts** (Romans 12:4-8; 1 Timothy 4:14; 1 Peter 4:10)

II. Be **fervent** (because of love and mercy)

[zeō] - enthusiastic - boiling over

A. Our spirit empowered by the **Spirit**

(Romans 5:8, Romans 8:37-39)

B. No arm twisting needed

C. **Passion**

D. **Luke** warm (Revelation 3:16)

“Wherever you are, be all there, Live to the hilt every situation you believe to be God’s will.” - Jim Elliot

III. Serve the **Lord** (because of love and mercy)

A. **All** are called

(1 Corinthians 12:1, 4-7; Ephesians 4:11-13)

B. **Slaves** vs. volunteers (Luke 17:7-10)

[douleuō] - serve - slave

C. Don’t serve **self** (Romans 16:17-18a)

D. Serve the **Lord** (Galatians 1:10)

IV. Application

A. Check your **motivation**

1. God’s **love** and **mercy**

2. God’s **approval**

3. **Obedience** (Philippians 2:5-8)

B. Don’t be **lazy**

What’s keeping you from serving the Lord with zeal and enthusiasm?

Therefore I exhort you, brothers and sisters, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a sacrifice—alive, holy, and pleasing to God—which is your reasonable service. - Romans 12:1(NET)

Your Action Point(s): _____

Next week: Romans 12:12