Thanks so much for your continued prayers God has been so gracious; every day brings renewed strength and ability. I am enjoying being able to walk longer distances each day and I have been in the office the last two days for several hours. I also have a great set up at home where I can work standing up. We have a wonderful God who deserves all our adoration and praise. The question comes back many times to our attitude as we serve. Let's look at these verses together.

Psalms 100:1-3 *Shout joyfully to the LORD, all the earth. [2] Serve the LORD with gladness; Come before Him with joyful singing. [3] Know that the LORD Himself is God; It is He who has made us, and not we ourselves; We are His people and the sheep of His pasture. (NASU)*
Acts 17:24-25 *"He is the God who made the world and everything in it. Since he is Lord of heaven and earth, he doesn't live in man-made temples, [25] and human hands can't serve his needs - for he has no needs. He himself gives life and breath to everything, and he satisfies every need there is. (NLT)*

Serve the Lord with gladness. Is that my attitude? Is there joy in every bit of service and devotion I offer to the Lord? Remember on one level God does NOT need us. He can accomplish anything He chooses by an act of His Will (let us make man in our image) or a statement of purpose (let there be light). Yet, we are called to offer ourselves back to Him in service. John Piper said it this way: "We serve him with gladness because we do not bear the burden of meeting his needs. Rather, we rejoice in a service where HE meets our needs" (A Godward Life Vol. 1-109)

PRAYER: Lord, I know You don't need me. Yet, You have chosen me and You love me. Lord God, if it is true that You are most glorified in and through me when I am most satisfied with You, then please help me to grow in my ENJOYMENT of You. Lord, help me to serve You with JOY always, from start to finish.

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