

Serving, Rejoicing, Sharing ~ Romans 12:11-13

→Scripture Reading Rom. 12:11-13, Matt. 25:35-40

Passionately SERVE the Lord ~ Romans 12:11

¹¹ Never be lacking in **ZEAL**, but keep your spiritual **FERVOR**, **SERVING** the Lord. ¹² Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, faithful in prayer. ¹³ Share with God's people who are in need. Practice hospitality.

IMPLICATIONS

¹¹ Never be lazy, but work hard and **SERVE the Lord** enthusiastically. (NLT)

Paul Reminds us...

- NOT to be LAZY
- to Serve PASSIONATELY
- we SERVE the LORD Jesus

¹¹ Never be lacking in zeal, but keep your spiritual fervor, serving the Lord.

Colossians 3:23-24 (NIV) Whatever you DO, **work at it** with ALL your heart, as working FOR the Lord, NOT for men, ²⁴ ...It is the Lord Christ you are **SERVING**.

1 Corinthians 15:58 (NIV) ...my dear brothers, stand firm. Let nothing move you. Always **GIVE yourselves FULLY to the work of the Lord**, because you know that your **labor in the Lord is not in vain**.

Colossians (NIV) ^{3:24} ...It **IS** the Lord Christ you are **SERVING**

→By how we react when someone else gets the CREDIT

Mark 10:45 (ESV) For even the Son of Man **came NOT** to BE served but TO serve, and to give His life as a ransom for many.

FAITHFUL in Prayer ~ Romans 12:12

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¹² Base your happiness ON your Hope IN Christ.... (JBP)

¹² ...steadfastly maintain the habit of prayer. (JBP)

People who are Devoted to prayer come into God's presence Regularly and they Passionately **ask God to do what ONLY He can DO** in their lives and the lives of others. Ingram

Persevering Prayer connects us back into our **HOPE** - the **Hope** we have **IN Christ Jesus**.

¹² Base your happiness on your **HOPE** in Christ. When trials come endure them patiently, steadfastly maintain the habit of prayer. (JBP)

IMPLICATIONS

¹² Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, faithful in prayer.

Titus 2:11-14 (NIV) ¹¹ For the grace of God that brings salvation has appeared to all men. ¹² It teaches us to say "No" to ungodliness and worldly passions, and to live self-controlled, upright and godly lives in this present age, ¹³ **while we WAIT for the blessed hope - the glorious appearing of our great God and Savior, Jesus Christ,** ¹⁴ who gave Himself for us to redeem us from all wickedness and to purify for Himself a people that are His very own, eager to do what is good.

¹² Rejoice in hope; be patient in affliction; be persistent in prayer. (HCS)

¹² Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, **faithful in prayer.**

WHEN we Pray we ACKNOWLEDGE... CJK

- God is POWERFUL
- God is PERSONAL
- God is PRECIOUS

Hebrews 4:14-16 (NIV) ...since we have a great high priest who has gone through the heavens, Jesus the Son of God, let us hold firmly to the faith we profess. ¹⁵ For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but we have one who has been tempted in every way, just as we are - yet was without sin. ¹⁶ Let us then **APPROACH** the throne of **grace** with **CONFIDENCE**, so that we may **RECEIVE mercy** and find **grace TO HELP US** in our time of **NEED**.

We PRAY because that is HOW we come to GOD with ALL that is ON our hearts

PURSUE Hospitality ~ Romans 12:13

¹¹ Never be lacking in zeal, but keep your spiritual fervor, serving the Lord. ¹² Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, faithful in prayer. ¹³ **SHARE with God's people who are in need. Practice HOSPITALITY.**

IMPLICATIONS

¹³ **CONTRIBUTE** to the needs of the saints and seek to show hospitality. (ESV)

Hebrews 13:5-6 (NIV) Keep your lives **free from the LOVE of money** and **BE content** with what you have, because God has said, "Never will I leave you; never will I forsake you." ⁶ So we say with confidence, "The Lord is my helper; I will not be afraid. What can man do to me?"

TAKE AWAY ??

¹³ Share with the saints in their needs; **pursue hospitality.** (HCS)

1 Peter 4:9 (NIV) ⁹ Offer **hospitality** to one another **without grumbling.**

Matthew 25:35-37, 40 (NLT) For I was hungry, and you fed me. I was thirsty, and you gave me a drink. I was a stranger, and you invited me into your home. ³⁶ I was naked, and you gave me clothing. I was sick, and you cared for me. I was in prison, and you visited me.

⁴⁰ And the King will say, 'I tell you the truth, when you did it to one of the least of these my brothers and sisters, you were doing it to me!'