

The Heart of a Submitted Believer

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Mark 10:43 (NKJV)

Yet it shall not be so among you; but **whoever desires to become great** among you shall be your **servant**.

Mark 10:44 (NKJV)

And whoever of you desires to be first shall be slave of all.

Mark 10:45 (NKJV)

For **even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve**, and to give His life a ransom for many.”

1. A Submitted Believer Is Available and Alert

Isaiah 6:8 (NKJV)

Also I heard the voice of the Lord, saying: “Whom shall I send, And who will go for Us?” Then I said, “**Here am I! Send me.**”

Philippians 2:4 (NKJV)

Let each of you **look out not only for his own interests**, but also **for the interests of others**.

Galatians 5:13 (NKJV)

For you, brethren, have been **called to liberty**; only **do not use liberty** as an **opportunity for the flesh**, but **through love serve** one another.

**A submitted believer is never ‘on call’ because he/she is always ‘on duty.’
When a need is observed, there is a response.**

2. A Submitted Believer Brings Their Best to Every Assignment

Colossians 3:23 (NKJV)

And **whatever** you do, do it **heartily**, as **to the Lord** and **not to men**,

Colossians 3:24 (NKJV)

knowing that **from the Lord** you will **receive the reward** of the inheritance; for **you serve the Lord Christ**.

Colossians 2:10 (NKJV)

and **you are complete in Him**, who is the head of all principality and power.

When your identity is settled in Christ, comparison loses its power over you.

7. A Submitted Believer Sees Ministry as a Privilege, not a Burden

Psalms 100:2 (NKJV)

Serve the Lord with gladness; Come before His presence with singing.

Romans 12:11 (NKJV)

not lagging in diligence, **fervent** in spirit, **serving** the Lord;

1 Timothy 1:12 (NKJV)

And I thank Christ Jesus our Lord who has **enabled me**, because **He counted me faithful**, putting me into the ministry,

**Serving Jesus is not something we have to do;
it is something we are privileged to do**

1. **Be Available — See the Need.**
2. **Bring Your Best — Whatever the Assignment.**
3. **Stay Faithful — Even When Nobody Notices.**
4. **Put Others First — Forget the Spotlight.**
5. **Be a Steward — Nothing Really Belongs to You.**
6. **Stay in Your Lane — Know Who You Are in Christ.**
7. **Serve with Joy — It’s a Privilege, not a Burden.**

Luke 16:10 (NKJV)
He who is faithful in what is least is faithful also in much; and he who is unjust in what is least is unjust also in much.

The size of the assignment should never determine the size of your commitment

3. A Submitted Believer Stays Faithful

Talent may open a door, but faithfulness keeps you useful in the kingdom

Supporting Scriptures
1 Corinthians 4:2 (NKJV)

Moreover it is required in stewards that one be found faithful.

Galatians 6:9 (NKJV)

And let us not grow weary while doing good, for in due season we shall reap if we do not lose heart.

God is not looking for people who occasionally do something great;
He is looking for people He can consistently depend upon

Make faithfulness part of your character, not just part of your schedule

4. A Submitted Believer Puts Others First Without Needing the Spotlight

Philippians 2:3 (NKJV)

Let nothing be done through selfish ambition or conceit, but in lowliness of mind let each esteem others better than himself.

Philippians 2:4 (NKJV)

Let each of you look out not only for his own interests, but also for the interests of others.

Philippians 2:5 (NKJV)
Let this mind be in you which was also in Christ Jesus,

If you have to be seen in order to serve,
you are serving for the wrong audience.

5. A Submitted Believer Thinks Like a Steward, Not an Owner

Psalm 24:1 (NKJV)

The earth is the Lord's, and all its fullness, The world and those who dwell therein.

1 Peter 4:10 (NKJV)

As each one has received a gift, minister it to one another, as good stewards of the manifold grace of God.

Freedom in serving comes once you realize that you aren't carrying the weight of ownership—you're simply stewarding what belongs to the One who loves you most

6. A Submitted Believer Stays in Their Lane Because Their Identity Is in Christ

Galatians 6:4 (NLT)

Pay careful attention to your own work, for then you will get the satisfaction of a job well done, and you won't need to compare yourself to anyone else.

Galatians 6:5 (NLT)

For we are each responsible for our own conduct.
