

DON'T SERVE

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What is the difference between a person who serves and a servant ?

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A servant owns someone else's mission.

John 6:38 For I have come down from heaven not to do my will but to do the will of him who sent me. NIV

Luke 22:42 "Father, if you are willing, take this cup from me; yet not my will, but yours be done." NIV

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2 Corinthians 5:14-15 For Christ's love compels us, because we are convinced that one died for all, and therefore all died. ¹⁵ And he died for all, that those who live should no longer live for themselves but for him who died for them and was raised again. NIV

How can we embrace servanthood?

It is your choice.

Romans 6:13-14 Do not offer the parts of your body to sin, as instruments of wickedness, but rather offer yourselves to God, as those who have been brought from death to life; and offer the parts of your body to him as instruments of righteousness. 14 For sin shall not be your master, because you are not under law, but under grace. NIV

Romans 12:1 Therefore, I urge you, brothers, in view of God's mercy, to offer your bodies as living sacrifices, holy and pleasing to God — this is your spiritual act of worship. NIV

You are already slaves...to the one you obey.

Romans 6:16 Don't you know that when you offer yourselves to someone to obey him as slaves, you are slaves to the one whom you obey — whether you are slaves to sin, which leads to death, or to obedience, which leads to righteousness? NIV

You are not choosing slavery, but your master.

Romans 6:20-22 When you were slaves to sin, you were free from the control of righteousness. 21 What benefit did you reap at that time from the things you are now ashamed of? Those things result in death! 22 But now that you have been set free from sin and have become slaves to God, the benefit you reap leads to holiness, and the result is eternal life. NIV

Be a servant of God and his people!

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- Corporal Desmond T. Doss in Hacksaw Ridge

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