Each Day I'll Serve

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INTRODUCTION

- How privileged and blessed we are to be involved in this that is so reliable and invincible.
- Each day I'll pray, read, sow, serve, and stand. And I had the topic of service.
- These two things, these two commodities, are very important to people in our time. And they are the commodities of time and energy.

1 They Are Not Mine: The Earth Is the Lord's

- We look at them and say, they're mine. They belong to me. I get to decide how I expend them.
- The earth is the Lord's and all it contains. The world and those who dwell in it.
- We are merely stewards. We've got to get over this idea of they belong to me, they are mine. No, we are his.

2 Have This Attitude Which Was in Christ Jesus

Philippians 2:5–8; 1 Corinthians 6:17–20

- This attitude that they belong to me, they are mine, is not consistent with the example of the one that we claim to serve.
- Have this attitude in yourselves, which was also in Christ Jesus, who, although he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God, a thing to be grasped.
- You have been bought with a price, Paul argues in 1 Corinthians 6. Therefore, glorify God in your body.

3 I Will Most Gladly Spend and Be Expended

Romans 5:6–7

- I will most gladly spend and be expended for your souls.
- Paul is imitating the attitude of Christ.
- That's the attitude that we need to develop about our service to Christ and his people. Even if we're ill-treated.

4 Equipping of the Saints for the Work of Service

Ephesians 4:11–16

- He gave the church everything it needed for survival and growth to flourish.
- He's equipping his people, his ecclesia for service, for the work of service, and the outgrowth of that is the building up of the body of Christ.
- From whom the whole body being fitted and held together by that which every joint supplies.

- And he doesn't talk about any exemptions. This is his design for everyone who serves in his body.

5 Every Joint Supplies: A Place for You to Serve

1 Corinthians 12:13–26; 1 Corinthians 13:5

- There is a place for every one of us, regardless of your talent and abilities, the circumstances of your life.
- Paul says, the hand needs the foot and the foot needs the hand.
- God gives more abundant honor to the member that lacks. The weaker members are necessary.
- So do not minimize your role in the local church.

6 Each Day I'll Serve: Pursue the Likeness of Christ

2 Peter 1:5–8; 1 Corinthians 12:26

- How do you see your role in the body? Do you see the work of service to which he has called you? Are you supplying your part?
- If we get people daily pursuing growth in the likeness of Christ, assembly's going to take care of itself.
- Every single person, regardless of your circumstances, talent, or abilities, every single person can pursue the likeness of Christ.
- Every day do something that is completely selfless.
- I'm going to be a beacon of light for the Lord. I'm going to demonstrate that in my behavior.

THE CHALLENGE

Each day I'll serve. Can you do that? Your circumstances aren't my circumstances, but whatever they are, whatever your day looks like tomorrow, you can confess the Lord. You can pray.

MY NOTES