

True Servant Hood

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Oswald Chambers writes, "A servant of God must stand so much alone that he never knows he is alone. In the first phases of Christian life, disheartenments come. People who once were [spiritual] lights [to us] flicker out, and those who once stood with us pass away. We have to get so used to it that we never know we are standing alone."

Often our willingness to stand alone before God is the bedrock test of servanthood and faith. It is easy to stand with the crowd—to do God's will as long as we know that others go with us. But from God's perspective, the life of a true servant requires solitude, an intense faith to follow Him, and a desire to serve Him without notable recognition.

Chambers continues, "[Paul writes,] 'All men forsook me . . . notwithstanding the Lord stood with me' ([2 Timothy 4:16-17](#)). We must build our faith, not on the fading light, but on the light that never fails."

Who is the light of your life? Is your passion for God fueled by another person or is the Holy Spirit the light within you that draws you close to the Lord and to a deeper level of service for God's kingdom?



Paul understood what it meant to serve God. He realized that true Christian service is not based on a group effort. While we may be a part of a group effort, servanthood is something that flows out of a heart totally devoted to God. Our pattern for servanthood rests only on one man—the Lord Jesus Christ.

Jesus said of His own life, "The Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give His life a ransom for many" ([Matthew 20:28](#)). Have you dedicated your life to Christ? Have you decided that no matter what happens, you will serve the Lord with a fully committed heart?

On more than one occasion, Paul was beaten and stoned to the point of death. Because of his involvement with the gospel message, he was forsaken, abandoned, and dismissed by the Jews, but Paul remained a true servant.

His faith was set on Christ. He knew that Jesus had come as the "perfect" servant and had faced much more. Chambers admonishes us, "Never choose to be a worker; but when once God has put His call on you, woe be to you if you turn to the right hand or to the left. We are not here to work for God because we have chosen to do so, but because God has apprehended us."

Apprehended by God is the true mark of servanthood. We are all called to be workers, who by His grace and mercy carry His message of eternal hope to those who are suffering and have yet to hear God's eternal truth.