

STEPPING OUT IN SERVICE

INTRODUCTION

- The Christian life is all about _____ the Lord Jesus Christ (Rev. 4:11, Matt. 20:28, Philip. 2:5-7, John 12:26).

I. THE PROPER _____ OF SERVICE FOR CHRIST (2 COR. 5:14-15)

- _____ for Christ Who first loved us and gave His all for us.
- “Constraineth” = to _____ on every side.
- If you love Christ, you will be _____ to step forward in service (Rom. 12:1).

II. THE PRIMARY _____ OF SERVICE FOR CHRIST (MATT. 6:33)

- The _____ of God = the place where God rules as king and His sovereign will is being carried out.
- Matt. 6:9-10—His kingdom coming is the same as His will being done on _____ as in heaven:
 - In the future, across the entire earth during the Millennial reign of Christ.
 - In eternity, in the _____ heaven and earth.
 - Now, in the hearts and lives of individual _____ through redemption (Lk. 17:21, Jn. 3:3).
- Seeking the kingdom of God means proclaiming the _____, pursuing the goals of the Great Commission in your life and lives of others, and advancing God’s agenda on earth to build His _____.
- We all have a role to play in that work!
- We are workers in His harvest field, builders on His job site (the church), and _____ of His body (1 Cor.12:27).

III. THE PERSONAL _____ OF SERVICE FOR CHRIST (MATT. 6:33)

- “_____” = ahead of providing for our needs and desires.
- This command is addressed not just to full-time ministry workers but all disciples (Matt. 5:1-2).
 - To obey, we will have to take up a cross and _____ ourselves.
 - Seeking God’s kingdom first means putting Christ’s agenda ahead of my own and doing His _____ before mine.
 - It’s a joy and privilege to serve, but also a duty.

IV. THE PLEASING PROSPECT OF SERVICE FOR CHRIST (REV. 22:3-4)

- In the new creation, God’s servants will still _____ Christ!

- Our service for Christ now is important _____ for our service then.

CONCLUSION:

- Three Questions:
 - Are you _____?
 - Are you putting service for Christ in _____ place ahead of other pursuits?
 - What _____ out of the boat and your comfort zone does God want you to take in your service?