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Is serving God and others really worth it?

## Psalm 73:2-3 (NLT)

<sup>2</sup> But as for me, I almost lost my footing. My feet were slipping, and I was almost gone. <sup>3</sup> For I envied the proud when I saw them prosper despite their wickedness.



## Psalm 73:13 (NLT)

<sup>13</sup> Did I keep my heart pure for nothing?  
Did I keep myself innocent for no reason?

God, why am I trying so hard to live for You  
when others who don't even care about You  
seem to be doing better than me?

The Christian life requires sacrifice



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# THE HEART OF SERVING

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Why do we serve?



## Romans 1:8-16 (NIVUK)

<sup>8</sup> First, I thank my God through Jesus Christ for all of you, because your faith is being reported all over the world. <sup>9</sup> God, whom I serve in my spirit in preaching the gospel of his Son, is my witness how constantly I remember you

## Romans 1:8-16 (NIVUK)

<sup>10</sup> in my prayers at all times; and I pray that now at last by God's will the way may be opened for me to come to you. <sup>11</sup> I long to see you so that I may impart to you some spiritual gift to make you strong – <sup>12</sup> that is, that you and I may be mutually encouraged by each other's faith.



## Romans 1:8-16 (NIVUK)

<sup>13</sup> I do not want you to be unaware, brothers and sisters, that I planned many times to come to you (but have been prevented from doing so until now) in order that I might have a harvest among you, just as I have had among the other Gentiles.

## Romans 1:8-16 (NIVUK)

<sup>14</sup> I am a debtor both to Greeks and non-Greeks, both to the wise and the foolish.

<sup>15</sup> That is why I am so eager to preach the gospel also to you who are in Rome. <sup>16</sup> For I am not ashamed of the gospel, because it is the power of God that brings salvation to everyone who believes: first to the Jew, then to the Gentile.



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We serve because we are:

**CONCERNED FOR OTHERS**

# A. GRATITUDE



## Romans 1:8 (NIVUK)

<sup>8</sup> First, I thank my God through Jesus Christ for all of you, because your faith is being reported all over the world.

**A. GRATITUDE**

**B. PRAYER**



## Romans 1:9-10 (NIVUK)

<sup>9</sup> God, whom I serve in my spirit in preaching the gospel of his Son, is my witness how constantly **I remember you**  
<sup>10</sup> **in my prayers at all times**; and **I pray** that now at last by God's will the way may be opened for me to come to you.

**A. GRATITUDE**

**B. PRAYER**

**C. ENCOURAGEMENT**



## Romans 1:11-12 (NIVUK)

<sup>11</sup> I long to see you so that I may impart to you some spiritual gift to make you strong – <sup>12</sup> that is, that you and I may be mutually **encouraged** by each other's faith.

**A. GRATITUDE**

**B. PRAYER**

**C. ENCOURAGEMENT**

**D. HELPING OTHERS FLOURISH**



## Romans 1:13 (NIVUK)

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## Galatians 5:13 (NIVUK)

<sup>13</sup> You, my brothers and sisters, were called to be free. But do not use your freedom to indulge the flesh; rather, **serve one another humbly in love.**



# Mother Teresa





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**COMMITTED DEBTORS**



## Romans 1:14-15 (NIVUK)

<sup>14</sup> I am a debtor both to Greeks and non-Greeks, both to the wise and the foolish.

<sup>15</sup> That is why I am so eager to preach the gospel also to you who are in Rome.

When you realise how much grace  
you have received, you cannot help but  
want others to experience it too



## 2 Corinthians 5:14 (NIVUK)

<sup>14</sup> For Christ's love **compels** us, because we are convinced that one died for all, and therefore all died.





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## Mark 10:45 (NIVUK)

<sup>45</sup> For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many.'



## Matthew 9:37 (NIVUK)

<sup>37</sup> ...'The harvest is plentiful but the workers are few.

## Romans 3:23 (NIV)

<sup>23</sup> for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God,



## John 3:16 (NIVUK)

<sup>16</sup> For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.



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