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## *Serve the Lord...*

Romans 12:11c

The Church is a volunteer movement. Without volunteers who serve the Lord by serving people, the Church simply could not function. This attitude of service for the believer stands in contrast to the “What’s in it for me?” attitude of the world. We are to serve the Lord with an attitude of a servant.

In Romans 16:18 the apostle subtly warns believers not to be naïve about those people who claim to be servants of the Lord - who even boast about how much they serve the Lord - yet they don’t actually *serve* the Lord! These people are often manipulative of others and always asking for money.

1. Noting Romans 16:18, what does Paul say causes some believers to *not* serve the Lord?
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Perhaps in the earliest stages of following Christ it may be possible to grow in Christ without *servicing*. But it is a spiritual principle that growth in Christ comes from serving Christ by serving others.

2. According to First Timothy 3:13, what growth effect does serving the Lord in the church have on a believer’s faith?
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3. Romans 14:18 refers to two outstanding effects of serving the Lord diligently. In what way are these effects a great blessing?
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4. Based on First Peter 4:11 how are we to serve the Lord?
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5. What do you find is the most challenging thing about serving in the church?

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6. How does Luke 17:8 address the attitude of a servant?

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7. What is the relationship between leading and serving according to Christ?  
(Luke 22:26)

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8. How can you serve this Bible study group?

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*Amen.*