

IV. DEVELOP THE \_\_\_\_\_ FOR ACTION

A. Accept the \_\_\_\_\_.

B. Renew your \_\_\_\_\_.

*“Be of the same mind one toward another. Mind not high things, but condescend to men of low estate. Be not wise in your own conceits...”* Romans 12:16

C. Know that God \_\_\_\_\_ you to His ministry and to live for God.

*“And I thank Christ Jesus our Lord, who hath enabled me, for that he counted me faithful, putting me into the ministry;”* I Timothy 1:12

Touch Point:

**When I die, I want to be thoroughly used up. For the harder I work, the more I live.**

**CONCLUSION:** In what ways do you need to think differently to be a servant?

*“Casting down imaginations, and every high thing that exalteth itself against the knowledge of God, and bringing into captivity every thought to the obedience of Christ;”* II Corinthians 10:5

**SHIFT – THINK DIFFERENTLY**

**From Selfish To Servant**  
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**INTRODUCTION**

A. What you think is what you do. If you want to change your doing you must first shift your thinking.

*“21 If so be that ye have heard him, and have been taught by him, as the truth is in Jesus:*

*22 That ye put off concerning the former conversation the old man, which is corrupt according to the deceitful lusts;*

*23 And be renewed in the spirit of your mind;*

*24 And that ye put on the new man, which after God is created in righteousness and true holiness.”* Ephesians 4:21-24

Christlikeness requires a shift in thinking.

B. In this series, you will learn how to shift your thinking in five critical areas:

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C. **TEXT:** Romans 12:1-8 (Pew Bible/Page 165/New Testament)

• Selfish Thinking: I live to please me. (I tune into WIFM radio ... what's in it for me)!

• Servant Thinking: I live to please God. (I am in tune with God and live to please Him).

My sovereign, all-knowing, caring, just, gracious and loving God has a plan. He saved you for a reason. He saved you for service. He saved you to be the valued useful servant He intended you to be!

## HOW TO BE A SERVANT

### I. GET THE \_\_\_\_\_ VIEW OF GOD

- A. God \_\_\_\_\_ us to serve Him.
- B. You do not \_\_\_\_ to serve God; you \_\_ to serve Him.
- C. Do not serve God with the \_\_\_\_\_ motive.  
Note: No society in history has ever excelled beyond its view of its God...

*“Thou shalt fear the LORD thy God, and serve him, and shalt swear by his name.”* Deuteronomy 6:13

*“12 And now, Israel, what doth the LORD thy God require of thee, but to fear the LORD thy God, to walk in all his ways, and to love him, and to serve the LORD thy God with all thy heart and with all thy soul,*

*13 To keep the commandments of the LORD, and his statutes, which I command thee this day for thy good?”* Deuteronomy 10:12-13

### II. RESPOND TO THE \_\_\_\_\_ APPEAL

- A. Paul makes \_\_\_\_\_.  
*“I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God ...”* Romans 12:1
- B. Paul uses \_\_\_\_\_.  
*“which is your reasonable service.”* Romans 12:1
- C. Paul gives an \_\_\_\_\_.  
*“And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God.”* Romans 12:2

### III. UNDERSTAND THE \_\_\_\_\_ OF SERVICE

- A. Understand that the request for service is \_\_\_\_\_ and you are going to serve somebody.

*“17 But God be thanked, that ye were the servants of sin, but ye have obeyed from the heart that form of doctrine which was delivered you.*

*18 Being then made free from sin, ye became the servants of righteousness.”* Romans 6:17-18

- B. Look back to the free gift of \_\_\_\_\_.

*“Restore unto me the joy of thy salvation; and uphold me [with thy] free spirit...”* Psalm 51:12

- C. Look to God’s \_\_\_\_\_.

*“Who hath saved us, and called [us] with an holy calling, not according to our works, but according to his own purpose and grace, which was given us in Christ Jesus before the world began.”*

II Timothy 1:9

- D. Follow Jesus’ \_\_\_\_\_.

*“27 And whosoever will be chief among you, let him be your servant:*

*28 Even as the Son of man came not to be ministered unto, but to minister, and to give his life a ransom for many.”* Matthew 20:27-28