



THE GREATNESS OF SERVICE

How Can I Serve God?



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(Acts 17:24–25 NKJV)

- ESV, NASB, RSV, NRSV, CSB — “served”
 - LBLA “servido”; RV, RV1960 “honrado”
- Greek word is *therapeuō* “to cure, heal, restore”
 - La palabra griega es *therapeuō* “sanar, curar, restaurar”

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- **We do not provide God with necessities for life:**
 - **He made the world and all things in it (17.25)**
 - **He gives life and breath to all men (17.26)**
 - **The Creator is not sustained by His creation**
 - **His service should prompt a response in us (17.27-31).**

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Aunque no necesita nuestra respuesta para su existencia, ¡quiere nuestra respuesta a Él!

Though He does not need our response for His existence, He desires our response to Him!

**Or do you think that the Scripture speaks to no purpose:
“He jealously desires the spirit which He has made to dwell in us”?**

(James 4:5)

¿O pensáis que la Escritura dice en vano: “El celosamente anhela el espíritu que ha hecho morar en nosotros”?

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How can I serve the Creator?

¿CÓMO PUEDO SERVIR AL CREADOR?

- **God wants me to be a true worshipper.**
- **John 4.24**
 - **In singing, with my heart engaged - Ephesians 5.19**
 - **Why no instruments? Spirit didn't reveal this.**
 - **In giving, with my heart engaged - 2 Corinthians 9.7**
 - **Why no tithe? Spirit didn't reveal this.**
 - **In the Lord's Supper, with my heart engaged - 1 Corinthians 11.26f**
 - **Why no coffee? Spirit didn't reveal this.**
 - **In Bible study, with my heart engaged - Acts 2.42**
 - **In prayer, with my heart engaged - James 1.6-8**

HOW CAN I SERVE THE CREATOR?

- **God wants me to serve my neighbor.**
 - **Luke 10.25-37**
 - **My neighbor is anyone in need whom I am able to help.**
 - **My service to my neighbor will cost me:**
 - **It may cost my time**
 - **It may cost my energy**
 - **It may cost my finances**
 - **I must be willing to cross lines.**
 - **We must not justify ourselves at the expense of Christ.**
- **God wants me to maintain personal purity.**
 - **1 Thessalonians 4.3**

HOW CAN I SERVE THE CREATOR?

- **God wants me to serve my brethren.**
 - **1 Corinthians 12.14-31**
 - **This “body” language describes both the universal church (12.12-13) and the local church (12.25-26).**
 - **I serve my brethren by appreciating our diverse abilities.**
 - **I serve my brethren by encouraging others to use their abilities.**
 - **I serve my brethren by depending on them.**
 - **I serve my brethren by suffering with them.**
 - **I serve my brethren by rejoicing with them.**
 - **I serve my brethren by loving them (12.31ff).**

Conclusion: Serving God

CONCLUSIÓN: SERVIR A DIOS

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- **Dios no necesita el servicio de su creación.**
God does not need the service of His creation.
- **Los ídolos de Atenas lo hicieron — pero no Jehová.**
The idols of Athens did — but not Jehovah.
- **Si bien Dios no necesita nuestro servicio, desesperadamente quiere que nosotros:**
While God does not need our service, He wants us to:
 - **Seamos verdaderos adoradores..** *Be true worshippers.*
 - **Sirvamos a nuestros prójimos.** *Serve our neighbors.*
 - **Sirvamos a nuestros hermanos.** *Serve our brethren.*

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Marcos 12.29-31 / Mark 12.29-31

Jesús le respondió: El primer mandamiento de todos es: Oye, Israel; el Señor nuestro Dios, el Señor uno es. Y amarás al Señor tu Dios con todo tu corazón, y con toda tu alma, y con toda tu mente y con todas tus fuerzas. Éste es el principal mandamiento. Y el segundo es semejante: Amarás a tu prójimo como a ti mismo. No hay otro mandamiento mayor que éstos.

“Jesus answered him, ‘The first of all the commandments is: Hear, O Israel, the Lord our God, the Lord is one. And you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength. This is the first commandment. And the second, like it, is this: You shall love your neighbor as yourself. There is no other commandment greater than these.’”