

THE UNDENIABLE LAWS OF LIFE – The Law of Service

In **John 10:10** Jesus said, ***“I have come that they may have life, and that they have it more abundantly.”*** What Jesus was literally saying is He came that we may have *life* above the ordinary. But an extraordinary life, one that is overflowing with God’s blessings, is not an accident. Success is predictable because it is a result of continuous, persistent and definite action in the unrelenting pursuit of God. However, every action must be performed in a manner that is consistent with the universal laws God has put into operation.

When you know and understand these laws, you will be able to make the right connection every time, and consequently, be fully assured of the result. The undeniable “laws of life” that we are studying can bring about an extraordinary life, but you must know when and how to apply them.

Last week we examined the Law of Love, and if you were here, I’m sure you were able to get started by applying this law immediately. Today we are looking at the Law of Service. The elementary definition of “service” is, *“the doing of work for another”* or *“being a servant for another.”* The verb “to serve” [to minister] in the Greek is *“to render any kind of service.”*

Exodus 36:1 says, ***“... Every gifted artisan in whose heart the Lord has put wisdom and understanding, to know how to do all manner of work for the service of the sanctuary, shall do according to all that the Lord has commanded.”*** God will give you wisdom and understanding in order for you to know how to serve Him with your gifts and abilities. Note, your gifts and abilities are primarily designed for you to do *all manner of work* in your service to God.

The Law of Service is centred around this one truth. You cannot serve anyone or anything with your gifts and abilities unless you have first served the Lord with them. Jesus said this, ***“If anyone serves Me, let Him follow me; and where I am, there My servant will be also. If anyone serves Me, Him My Father will honour”*** [John 12:26]. Notice that the servant is always with his master. Whenever you choose to serve Jesus with your gifts and abilities, God the Father will elevate you to a place of honour.

But there’s more! The Greek word for **“honour”** literally means. *“to place a value [a price] upon.”* Therefore, when you serve the Lord with your gifts and abilities, God places a true value on them. Implying that until they are operating in service to Him, they are of no value - they are worthless.

Regarding the Law of Service here are 3 points to note:

[1] Your rewards in life will be in direct proportion to the value of your service to God, and in turn, to others. But remember, the value of your service can only be determined by God Himself - when serving Jesus. Therefore, the process of effective service is this: *“Bring your gifts and abilities into the kingdom, so that they can have real value when taken out.”* It is the principle of seeking first His kingdom and everything is then added [Matthew 6:33].

If you want great rewards in life, or if you want to add meaning to your life, you must be serving God in some way. However, serving God is only part of the Law of Service. **Galatians 5:13** tells us to, ***“Serve one another through love.”*** Therefore, you must also serve one another. But this law extends beyond just serving believers. Jesus, as a true example of servant hood, He has led the way and set the parameters.

In **Matthew 20:26-28** Jesus said this, ***“Whoever desires to be great among you, let him serve.... Just as the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve.”*** True greatness is achieved through serving

others. Your primary job is to find the best way to incorporate yourself into the fabric of society by serving as many other people “as well as you possibly can.” Resulting in your life will be flooded with rewards in direct proportion to the value of your service.

[2] All success stories begin with the supplying of personal services. There are almost five million self-made millionaires in the US and each of them did it by finding a way to serve others more effectively. How much more should we be achieving with the gifts and abilities that God Himself has placed so much value upon? By using what is already blessed to serve others is a guarantee of success! So let’s not squander it on religious programs or selfish desires. Let’s use every gift more effectively, by serving others more efficiently, and in greater proportion - to the glory of God.

[3] If you wish to increase the quantity of your rewards, you must first increase the quality and quantity of your service. The more you put in, the more you will get out. You must become increasingly more productive and valuable to God’s kingdom, and then to those whom you are serving. Most Christians want to put in less and get out more! They also have very little understanding of quality and quantity. You must have both when operating the Law of Service. You serve with as much quality that you can provide in as much quantity that is possible!

Whether you like it or not, you are ultimately only rewarded in life for results. You live by grace, so you are not measured by performance, but results are fruits and fruits are measured. Jesus Himself said, **“You will know them by their fruits” [Matthew 7:16]**. In others words, you will know them by their results. The good news is that you can increase your value, both to God and to the society, by increasing the quality and quantity of your results [your fruits]. This focus on results, on pleasing God and your fellow man, is the guiding force of successful living. The most successful men and women in our society are those who are able to “loose themselves” in serving those who depend upon them - family, friends, employers and others. But as a believer you should not “loose yourself” in anything until you have first “lost” yourself in God. **“In Him you live and move and have your being” [Acts 17:28]**.

When you devote yourself completely to serving God, and others, you start to enjoy a wonderful feeling of meaning and purpose to life. You begin to feel that you are really making a difference [being a true asset]. When you know that you are putting in more than you are taking out, that you are making a real contribution, you feel great about yourself. When you throw your whole heart into pleasing God, and making those around you happy by serving them better, you take complete control over your future. You put everything you’re involved in onto the fast track.

This is how you can apply the Law of Service right now. Identify the people in your personal life who depend on you in some way - your family, your friends, your employer, your community [the church]. **Ask yourself three things, “How can I serve them better?” “What can I do to enrich their lives?” “How can I become more valuable to them?”** Whatever your answers to these questions, write them down, make a plan, and then take action. Your whole future depends upon it. And remember this; your contribution to others will determine God’s contribution to you!