

Daily Devotional

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Theme: Why Do You Serve God?

Text: Colossians 4:6 NIV

Let your conversation be always full of grace, seasoned with salt, so that you may know how to answer everyone.

Thought:

Why do you serve God? What are your reasons? Do you serve Him because you're afraid that if you don't He will send you to Hell? Is it because you want to go to Heaven? Are you serving so that you can be right?

To an extent, we could say yes to all those reasons, but what would be our real motivation to serve? What is the driving force behind all these other reasons?

In order to answer this, we need only to take a look at ourselves and what motives we would feel comfortable with for others serving us. For instance, do you want your child, mate or friend to serve you out of fear? Would you like it if they always expected a reward for their service? And what if their service only amounted to them trying to do the "right thing?" I think that for the most part, we would not appreciate service based on this kind of motivation. Do you think God feels any different?

Think about it. How good does it feel when someone you love comes up and gives you a hug, and when you ask them, "What was that for?" They answer, "Because I love you."

Some day God is going to ask why we served Him. How will you answer?