

## THE PRIVILEGE OF BEING A SERVANT

Mark 10:45 For even the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve others and to give his life as a ransom for many.”

### Carrying The Burden

Matthew 11:28 Then Jesus said, “Come to me, all of you who are weary and carry heavy burdens, and I will give you rest.

29 Take my yoke upon you. Let me teach you, because I am humble and gentle at heart, and you will find rest for your souls.

30 For my yoke is easy to bear, and the burden I give you is light.”

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Whose Burden You Are Carrying

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Your Guilt

Psalms 38:4 My guilt overwhelms me— it is a burden too heavy to bear.

Psalms 32:1 Oh, what joy for those whose disobedience is forgiven, whose sin is put out of sight!

2 Yes, what joy for those whose record the Lord has cleared of guilt, whose lives are lived in complete honesty!

3 When I refused to confess my sin, my body wasted away, and I groaned all day long.

4 Day and night your hand of discipline was heavy on me. My strength evaporated like water in the summer heat.

5 Finally, I confessed all my sins to you and stopped trying to hide my guilt. I said to myself, “I will confess my rebellion to the Lord.” And you forgave me! All my guilt is gone.

Psalms 119:143 As pressure and stress bear down on me, I find joy in your commands.

144 Your laws are always right; help me to understand them so I may live.

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Your Own Burden

Galatians 6:1 Dear brothers and sisters, if another believer is overcome by some sin, you who are godly should gently and humbly help that person back onto the right path. And be careful not to fall into the same temptation yourself.

2 Share each other’s burdens, and in this way obey the law of Christ.

3 If you think you are too important to help someone, you are only fooling yourself. You are not that important.

- 4 Pay careful attention to your own work, for then you will get the satisfaction of a job well done, and you won't need to compare yourself to anyone else.
- 5 For we are each responsible for our own conduct.

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#### With Others

- Exodus 18:14 When Moses' father-in-law saw all that Moses was doing for the people, he asked, "What are you really accomplishing here? Why are you trying to do all this alone while everyone stands around you from morning till evening?"
- 15 Moses replied, "Because the people come to me to get a ruling from God.
- 16 When a dispute arises, they come to me, and I am the one who settles the case between the quarreling parties. I inform the people of God's decrees and give them his instructions."
- 17 "This is not good!" Moses' father-in-law exclaimed.
- 18 "You're going to wear yourself out—and the people, too. This job is too heavy a burden for you to handle all by yourself.

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#### Fight To Worship

- Luke 16:13 "No one can serve two masters. For you will hate one and love the other; you will be devoted to one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and be enslaved to money."

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#### To God's Word

- Psalms 119:91 Your regulations remain true to this day, for everything serves your plans.
- 92 If your instructions hadn't sustained me with joy, I would have died in my misery.
- 93 I will never forget your commandments, for by them you give me life.

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#### To Live By Faith

- Hebrews 10:35 So do not throw away this confident trust in the Lord. Remember the great reward it brings you!
- 36 Patient endurance is what you need now, so that you will continue to do God's will. Then you will receive all that he has promised.
- 37 "For in just a little while, the Coming One will come and not delay.
- 38 And my righteous ones will live by faith. But I will take no pleasure in anyone who turns away."
- 39 But we are not like those who turn away from God to their own destruction. We are the faithful ones, whose souls will be saved.

Psalm 55:22 Give your burdens to the Lord, and he will take care of you. He will not permit the godly to slip and fall.

1 Peter 5:7 Give all your worries and cares to God, for he cares about you.