

“NECESSARY COMPONENTS FOR SPIRITUAL SERVICE”

HEBREWS 12:22-29

TEXT: HEBREWS 12:28

INTRO: Because of WHAT CHRIST HAS DONE FOR US, because of THE CHURCH WE ARE A PART OF, and because of WHO WE ARE AS BELIEVERS we are obligated to serve the Lord in SPIRITUAL SERVICE! Looking down through the history of the Church, we find that SOME Christians have served God in an honorable way, SOME Christians have been mediocre in their service and SOME Christians have hardly every served the Lord. INTO WHICH CATEGORY DO YOU FIND YOURSELF? God wants EVERY CHRISTIAN to serve Him and every obedient Christian will serve God but WHAT ARE THE NECESSARY COMPONENTS FOR SPIRITUAL SERVICE? Let’s observe the scriptures:

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WHAT IS SPIRITUAL SERVICE? Spiritual Service is the act of the true believer in Jesus Christ yielding to the Will of God, applying his spiritual giftedness and living daily under the leadership of the Holy Spirit.

WHO IS TO CONDUCT SPIRITUAL SERVICE? EVERY TRUE BELIEVER IN CHRIST!

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THE PROBLEM: MANY TRUE BELIEVERS FAIL TO SERVE GOD EFFECTIVELY IN SPIRITUAL SERVICE.

THE QUESTION: WHAT DOES IT TAKE TO SERVE GOD EFFECTIVELY IN SPIRITUAL SERVICE?

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I. SPIRITUAL SERVICE REQUIRES SALVATION

-This is a MUST for any and all spiritual service – Acts 4:12

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II. SPIRITUAL SERVICE REQUIRES SPIRITUAL GROWTH

-This is the FOUNDATION for spiritual service – 2 Peter 3:18

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III. EFFECTIVE SPIRITUAL SERVICE REQUIRES SPIRITUAL GIFTS

-This is the NECESSARY ABILITY for spiritual service – Ephesians 4:7ff

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IV. SPIRITUAL SERVICE REQUIRES SANCTIFICATION

-This is the OBLIGATION for spiritual service – 1 Thessalonians 4:4

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V. SPIRITUAL SERVICE REQUIRES SELFLESSNESS

-This is the RIGHT MOTIVATION for spiritual service - 1 Corinthians 10:33

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VI. SPIRITUAL SERVICE REQUIRES STABILITY

-This is the PERSERVERING ASPECT of spiritual service – Job 23:10,11

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APPLICATION/LESSON:

To serve the Lord effectively EACH OF THE ABOVE QUALITIES is necessary! For them to become a reality takes: 1) Personal determination, 2) Personal obedience, 3) Personal commitment and 4) Personal resilience. HOW ABOUT YOU?