

A person is standing in a misty forest, holding a flashlight that illuminates the path ahead. The forest is dense with tall, thin trees, and the ground is covered in fallen leaves and branches. The overall atmosphere is quiet and contemplative.

PRACTICES OF A HEALTHY CHRISTIAN

Serving the Lord

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Serving the Lord

John 12:24-26 (NASB)

I. Serving Crucifies Self

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John 12:24 (NASB)

24 "Truly, truly, I say to you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains alone; but if it dies, it bears much fruit.



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I. Serving Crucifies Self

II. Serving Dethrones Self

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John 12:25 (NASB)

25 "He who loves his life loses it, and he who hates his life in this world will keep it to life eternal.



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the Lord

I. Serving Crucifies Self

II. Serving Dethrones Self

III. Serving Enthrones the Savior



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John 12:26 (NASB)

26 "If anyone serves Me, he must follow Me; and where I am, there My servant will be also; if anyone serves Me, the Father will honor him.



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Questions

1. When you hear the word "serving," what is the first thing that comes to your mind?
2. What are some of the ways that you have served the Lord so far in your life?
3. What were the most enjoyable times you had while serving the Lord and others?



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Questions (continued)

4. What were some of the hardest times you had while serving the Lord and others?
5. What makes serving in the church challenging at times?
6. How often do you ask the Lord to direct you to the many "tasks" that the church presents or offers you to be involved in?



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Questions (continued)

7. What are some of the reasons why you or others are reluctant to get involved in serving the Lord in church?
8. What are the benefits or rewards of serving the Lord?
9. What joys do you get out of serving the Lord?



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Questions (continued)

10. How has serving the Lord helped to crucify your own self-centered ways and desires? Where is Jesus calling you to die so that you might live?
11. How has serving the Lord helped to place Jesus on the throne of your life? What do you tend to hold on to rather than follow Jesus?
12. Share a time when you were serving others, that you were able to see the Lord in that other person (see Mt 25:31-46)?



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Questions (continued)

13. What one or several things have you wanted to do to serve the Lord but where afraid to for a variety of reasons?

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