

"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." **Matthew 28:20**

Being called to serve means that we focus our _____ on something or someone other than _____ for the purpose of worshiping Jesus, our great _____.

"Bezalel made the bronze washbasin and its bronze stand from bronze mirrors donated by the women who served at the entrance of the tabernacle." **Exodus 38:8**

"If you are picturing a modern hand mirror, you are going to be really confused. Mirrors in Moses's day were not made of glass. They were made of highly polished bronze. Moses was instructed to take these women's mirrors, melt them down, and make the laver out of them. The laver was then polished into a highly reflective surface so that when the priests came up to the laver to wash, they saw their reflections in the water. Then they washed in the water." Zach Neese, *How to Worship a King*

Mirrors are for:
1. Looking at _____

2 Corinthians 10:12 TPT
"They compare themselves to one another and make up their own standards to measure themselves by, and then they judge themselves by their own standards. What self-delusion!"

If you have the gift of service, don't _____ others on how much or what type of service they perform in their lives. Everyone is called to serve _____, but I'm not the judge or the Holy Spirit.

I Corinthians 4:7 "What do you have that God hasn't given you? And if everything you have is from God, why boast as though it were not a gift?"

2. Looking at my _____ for God

Luke 10:38-42 (NLT) "But Martha was distracted by the big dinner she was preparing. She came to Jesus and said, 'Lord, doesn't it seem unfair to you that my sister just sits here while I do all the work? Tell her to come and help me.'"

What is my _____ for all this activity?

3. Looking at my _____.

No award will be a _____ reward, in the long run.

Psalm 49:20 "So this is the way of mortal man, honored for a moment, yet without eternal insight, like a beast that will one day perish."

Matthew 6:1 "Examine your motives to make sure you're not showing off when you do your good deeds, only to be admired by others; otherwise, you will lose the reward of your heavenly Father."

Matthew 6:21 "For your heart will always pursue what you esteem as your treasure."

Psalm 37:18 "Day by day the Lord watches the good deeds of the godly, and He prepares for them His forever-reward."

Genesis 15:1 "After this, the word of the LORD came to Abram in a vision: 'Do not be afraid, Abram. I am your shield, your very great reward.'"

Our _____ is God Himself!

Ephesians 2:8-10 "God saved you by His grace when you believed. And you can't take credit for this; it is a gift from God. Salvation is not a reward for the good things we have done, so none of us can boast

about it. For we are God's masterpiece. He has created us anew in Christ Jesus, so we can do the good things he planned for us long ago."

Our reward is already _____ and paid for!

And they _____ their crowns before the throne

James 1:25 "But those who set their gaze deeply into the perfecting law of liberty are fascinated by and respond to the truth they hear and are strengthened by it – they experience God's blessing in all that they do!"

We can serve so much better without _____ on to a mirror or a selfie stick.

We don't need to use our mirrors to _____ ourselves to others, to show off our work, or to seek that reward. We need only to be who He _____ us to be, living a lifestyle of serving, because "as He is, so are we in this world."

Are you looking at yourself, comparing your service to others? Do you feel that your service isn't as important as someone else you know? Do you ever say, "I'm just a …"

Are you looking at all your work, hoping that someone will notice it and appreciate it? Are you depressed when people don't notice your service? Are you burning yourself out taking on more than God has given you?

Are you looking for an earthly reward or the applause of the world around you? Are you growing weary in well-doing?