

## OUR LEGACY OF SERVICE

### Joshua 24: 14-24

In church, we must decide whether we are here to serve or to be served. Each week we gather our mission should be to serve the Lord. Unfortunately many people come to church to be served. They like sitting on a pew, contributing an offering and not much more. We must realize that when we serve people we are serving the Lord. It should not matter if we serve as a volunteer or a compensated worker; our service is to the Lord.

Unfortunately the church today does not have enough willing workers to fulfill her mission. Sunday School and Children's Church could use more people of integrity to teach and lead our children and youth so that we can prepare leaders for the days to come. Each member of the church should decide the area of ministry to serve. Your gift can bless many people if you are willing to serve. God calls us to be participators not spectators, to serve while we are being served and to bless others as we are being blessed. Your service is your legacy.

If we do not want to be guilty of being served without rendering service let me share with you three things we can do to demonstrate our legacy of service.

1. Serve the Lord Sincerely. (vs. 14-17)
  - A. Sincere truth
  - B. Sincere trust
  
2. Serve the Lord Sacrificially. (vs. 18-20)
  - A. Sacrifice your thoughts
  - B. Sacrifice your time
  
3. Serve the Lord Unselfishly. (vs. 21-24)
  - A. Give Him your treasure
  - B. Give Him your talent