

# SERVING

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"We are God's workmanship, created in Christ Jesus to do good works,  
which God prepared in advance for us to do." — Ephesians 2:20

"Each of us should use whatever gift he's received to serve others."  
— 1 Peter 4:10

## Three steps to become a F.A.T. servant (serving like Jesus):

### I. YOU MUST BE F\_\_\_\_\_.

**John 17:4** "I have brought You glory on earth by completing the work You gave me to do."

A. You must determine not to \_\_\_\_\_.  
**1 Corinthians 4:2 (TEV)** "The one thing required of servants is that they be faithful."

B. Understand you will be \_\_\_\_\_.  
**Ephesians 6:7-8a** "Serve wholeheartedly, as if you were serving the Lord, not men, because you know that the Lord will reward everyone for whatever good he does . . ."  
**Hebrews 6:10 (NLT)** "He will not forget how hard you have worked for Him and how you have shown your love to Him by caring for other Christians."

### II. YOU MUST BE A\_\_\_\_\_.

**Matthew 20:30-32** "Two blind men . . . shouted, 'Lord, have mercy on us!' . . . Jesus stopped and called them. 'What do you want Me to do for you?' He asked."

A. You must be willing to be \_\_\_\_\_.  
**Proverbs 3:28 (TEV)** "Never tell your neighbors to wait until tomorrow if you can help them now."

#### Three BARRIERS that keep us from SERVING:

1. The \_\_\_\_\_ (materialism).  
**Luke 16:13** "No servant can serve two masters . . . You cannot serve both God and money."

2. The \_\_\_\_\_ (selfishness).  
**Matthew 26:41** "Watch and pray so that you will not fall into temptation. The spirit is willing, but the body [flesh] is weak."  
See also **Romans 7**.

3. The \_\_\_\_\_ (temptation).  
**Luke 4:5-6** "The devil led Him up to a high place and showed Him in an instant all the kingdoms of the world . . ."

### III. YOU MUST BE T\_\_\_\_\_.

**Psalms 100:2 (KJV)** "Serve the Lord with gladness."

#### Two BARRIERS that keep us from being THANKFUL:

1. \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_.  
**Romans 14:4 (GW)** "Who are you to criticize someone else's servant? The Lord will determine whether His servant has been successful."
2. \_\_\_\_\_.  
**Matthew 6:1 (CEV)** "When you do good deeds, don't try to show off. If you do, you won't get a reward from your Father in heaven."

### IV. SUMMARY: GET \_\_\_\_\_ FOR JESUS!

**Matthew 25:21** "Well done, good and faithful servant! You have been faithful with a few things; so I will put you in charge of many things. Come and share your master's happiness!"

**REMEMBER: IT'S NOT ABOUT YOU!**