



1.) When it comes to our service, God makes no _____.

- v. 10 – **“Each** of you should use...” (1 Corinthians 12:27).
- We have not been saved to sit; we have been saved to serve.
- Salvation in Christ is a calling to full-time Christian service.

2.) When it comes to our service, God allows no _____.

- v. 10 – This verse clearly implies that all believers receive gifts from God that equip us to serve Him (Eph. 4:7-8, Rom 12:6).

-- Three reasons why people fail to serve in the church:

- 1.) _____
 - When we just aren’t aware of God’s will for our lives.
 - When we do not truly know Jesus Christ as Lord.
- 2.) _____
 - When we do not trust God to equip and empower us.
 - When we fear what others will think or say.
- 3.) _____
 - When we use God’s gifts only to pursue our own glory.
 - When we want the spiritual spotlight.
 - If I am the focus of my ministry, then I have missed the point, and I will miss God’s perfect purpose for my life.

3.) When it comes to our service, God accepts no _____.

- v. 10 – **“...to serve others...”** (1 Corinthians 10:24, Mark 10:45)
- If it can be called ministry, it has to bless others in some biblical way.
- Ministry is not about me.

4.) When it comes to our service, God spares no _____.

-- The power to serve God is a gift of God's grace.

-- v. 10 – "...various forms..."

-- In addition to the grace of forgiveness, God's grace is the power to do good works for God's glory (Ephesians 3:7, 4:7-8).

-- This grace by which God equips us is _____ beyond measure.

-- All of God's grace comes to us in only one way: The cross of Christ.

-- The power to serve God comes at the cost of the cross.

-- Because this grace is so costly, our responsibility to be good stewards of it is intense.

-- v. 10 – Literally = "*as good stewards of the manifold grace of God*"

-- Because God's equipping grace comes at history's highest possible cost, we have a tremendous responsibility to be good stewards of it.

-- To mishandle such an expensive gift precious gift is unconscionable.

-- This helps explain why the Master is so angry at the unfaithful servant who buries his talent in the Parable of the Talents.

-- The Parable of the Talents (Matthew 25:14-30)

-- God does not give us His equipping grace so that we will bury it in the world or do nothing useful with it.

-- Too many Christians claim to love Jesus and then trample His Gospel underfoot everyday by abusing the gifts of God's grace.

-- Those who understand this grace we have received will desire to be good stewards of it.

5.) When it comes to our service, God is to be _____.

-- To be a good steward of God's equipping grace is to make the most of it for His glory (1 Corinthians 10:31).

-- God equips us by His grace so that we will use that grace to do good works and bring glory to Him.

-- v. 11 – We are commanded to serve others by the strength God gives so that God will be praised.

-- It is impossible to truly understand the Gospel and not desire to serve others by God's strength and for His glory.

-- Anyone who is not significantly involved in serving others for God's glory has not understood clear implications of the cross.

-- There is no purpose in this life so _____ as to be a servant of God.

-- To serve as a good steward of God's grace is a privilege and a responsibility unlike any other (Psalm 84:10).