

## THE LOCAL CHURCH – Service – Thursday, February 4<sup>th</sup>

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- **Every believer is called to serve**-*Rm6:22-But now being made free from sin, and become servants to God; Ep6:6-As servants of Christ doing the will of God from the heart; Ph1:1-Paul and Timothy, the servants of Jesus Christ; Co3:24-For you serve the Lord Christ*
  - Serving/ministry is the administration of something good or helpful-**Act6**-The ministry/service of the Word and the ministry/service of food to those in needs – Both were ministry/serving
- **One of the main ways we serve God is by serving one another**-*Mt25:34-For I was an hungered, and ye gave me meat: I was thirsty, and ye gave me drink: I was a stranger, and ye took me in: <sup>36</sup> Naked, and ye clothed me: I was sick, and ye visited me: I was in prison, and ye came unto me. <sup>37</sup> Then shall the righteous answer him, saying, Lord, when saw we thee an hungered, and fed thee? or thirsty, and gave thee drink? <sup>38</sup> When saw we thee a stranger, and took thee in? or naked, and clothed thee? <sup>39</sup> Or when saw we thee sick, or in prison, and came unto thee? <sup>40</sup> The King shall answer and say unto them, Verily I say unto you in as much as you have done it to the least of these my brethren, you have done it unto me*
  - What you do for God's people God takes it personally like you're doing it to Him
  - The local church gives you the opportunity to serve God by giving you the opportunity to serve His people
- **There are fruits of serving 1) Fulfillment 2) Honor 3) Rewards**
  - Fulfillment-You can be full/empty inside; Serving in the church God called you to is a big part of the work he sent you to do-*Jn4:34 Jesus saith unto them, My meat is to do the will of him that sent me, and to finish his work.*
  - Honor-*Jn12:26-If any many serve me Him my Father will honor; 1Sm2:30-For them that honor me I will honor*
    - Many expect God to honor them with His blessing will they demonstrate dishonor-*Mal1:9-TLB-God have mercy on us, you recite; God be gracious to us! But when you bring that kind of gift, why should he show you any favor at all*
  - Rewards-There rewards in Heaven for what you do on the Earth-When is the last time you've through seriously about your reward •When you get there only what you did for Him here will matter-*Re22:12-And behold I come quickly; and my reward is with me, to give every man according as his work shall be*