

## How Do I Serve God Acceptably? (Heb. 12:28) – Multiple Choice

A. **Results Service.** This style has the Lord's success as its goal. Positive results like people saved, lives restored, the hurting healed or church growth is its passion. It doesn't get bogged down with Bible methods but is tuned more to what works today. Who can argue with positive results? They like the way they do it better than the way others don't.

B. **Feeling Service.** This style loves the feeling of satisfaction and joy when others are helped. It sacrifices for the welfare of others. It has a heart for others as it reflects the compassion of Christ. When others are happy they are, too. It gives because Christ gave.

C. **Spirit Service.** This style sees the Spirit currently speaking beyond the Bible. It doesn't believe the Spirit would contradict the Bible but will take the basic principles of the Bible to "reapply" them to current cultures. They don't feel legally locked in to go by every literal rule of the New Testament but to listen to the 'Spirit' as He updates wisdom for now. They look more to the "voice" within than read, trust and obey what is written.

D. **Traditional Service.** This style is not interested in changing things within the church. It respects the heritage of leadership. It doesn't ask or tell. It more gets involved in programs, care groups and outreaches. Its focus is not church order but church people.

E. **'I did it my way' Service.** This style is not focused as much on what others might say the Scriptures teach. Their way makes sense to them, so they are content. It seems a waste of energy to haggle over doctrine. Thus they re-channel their energy into what works best for them in their service. They think and emit positive energy that encourages.

F. **Professional Service.** This style respects education. It feels most avenues of Christian service need specialized training from pastoring to counseling to living victoriously, etc. They seem to be forever in learning courses. A good disciple has a good diploma. If some can't get professional training themselves, they then see their involvement as just to pay, pray and obey – leaving the main serving to the professionals.

G. **Christ-like Service.** His passion was only to do God's will. His results were His crucifixion as all forsook the Lord Jesus.<sup>A</sup> While Jesus' feelings went from compassion to anger depending on the situation, He came to glorify God.<sup>B</sup> Walking in the Spirit's energy, the Lord constantly appealed to "*It is written,*" and "*Have ye never read*" of Holy Scripture.<sup>C</sup> He came down hard on tradition saying it was worshipping in vain. While He cared for people, it was the zeal of His Father's house that consumed Him in cleansing it.<sup>D</sup> The Lord Jesus Christ did it God's way: "*I seek not mine own will, but the will of the Father.*"<sup>E</sup> His apostles were known as unlearned and ignorant men. But He promised them the gift of God the Spirit in them. They turned the world upside down with this

heavenly professionalism in clay vessels.<sup>F</sup> One who does Christ-like service should not think they are better than others, but that God's ways are better than man's – that's faith.<sup>G</sup>

While A-F might have some points, they are incomplete. The Bible teaches "G". <sup>A</sup>Matt. 26:56, Heb. 10:7. <sup>B</sup>Jn. 17:4. <sup>C</sup>Matt. 4:4, 21:42. <sup>D</sup>Matt. 15:9, Jn. 2:17. <sup>E</sup>Jn. 5:30. <sup>F</sup>Acts. 1:8, 17:6. <sup>G</sup>1Cor. 1:25, Isa. 55:9.