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Lead Article **Christian Service vs Christian Procedures**

What does it mean to be in true Christian service, as this is the duty of all followers of Christ, to serve? As we all know, ministry is service. It is not a basis of fundamental procedures that we do as a routine before man, but rather an expression of God's love, which benefits mankind. Service is the goal, not procedure; let's take a look at the differences.

In the manner of procedures, we have things that are regular actions for us. Yet, the weakness occurs from the loss of merit in those things. We fall into the traps of tradition and allow those traditions to have more authority than the Holy Spirit himself. Let us not be like the Pharisees referred to in the book of **Matthew** (chapter six): performing procedures to be seen. In fact, Jesus told us not to even do those things (pray, give alms, etc.) before men, to be seen by man, for then man's recognition is your reward. He told us to pray in secret, to give alms in secret, to fast without letting man know that we are doing these acts, and for that which we do in privacy, we shall be openly rewarded by the Father. But, question yourself and the "sacraments" that you perform. Do you go to church out of routine? Do you pray and fast to be seen? Do you give for recognition in the newspaper or to have your name announced in the church? If so, these are only procedure,

but yet the true service of the Lord is so much greater.

The duty of man is to fear God and keep His commandments (Ecclesiastes 12:13). This duty establishes the groundwork for the service of the Lord. As just read in His word, the duty of man is to keep His commandments, and He summarized all of the commandments as love (**Matthew 29.** *And Jesus answered him, The first of all the commandments is, Hear, O Israel; The Lord our God is one Lord: 30. And thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind, and with all thy strength: this is the first commandment. 31. And the second is like, namely this, Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself. There is none other commandment greater than these.*). True Christian service is nothing less than love. What happened to such Christian service as loving each other and respecting each other as yourself? What happened to sharing the gospel news of Christ with no strings attached? What happened to taking care of the widows and homeless, and visiting the sick and imprisoned? True Christian service is shown through love; the same type of love, in fact, that Christ shared to us when He gave His life for our salvation. Rather than gossiping about people's misfortunes, we should be praying for their deliverance. Rather than tearing each other down, acting like we're better than them, we should be each other up. Such is the service of a Christian. Are you serving Christ, or just using Christian procedures to impress man?

Health Tips

1 Corinthians 3:16

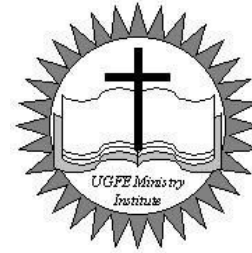
The health tip for this month is to read. Believe it or not, there is a medical study that has determined that the brain's ability can be increased (which previously had been thought impossible as it was believed that the brain diminished as time passed by). The brain is an organ just like the rest of them, and just as exercise can benefit the rest of our bodies, it too can benefit our brain. Yet how can we exercise our brain? We simply do the things that we used to do in grade school – we challenge it by learning new things, studying, **reading**, etc. You can make it fun, through word puzzles and riddles, in addition to simply spending time in the library or elsewhere, just learning about things that you never knew before. The greatest source can be found right within your own Bible. If you really want to challenge your mind and spirit, spend some time in Proverbs. Overall though, keep your brain exercised just as you'd do the rest, and allow it to grow stronger as well.

Disclaimer: You should always consult a physician before beginning any fitness program. This ministry will assume no responsibility for any injuries or trouble caused by this fitness information. Practice at your own risk. The writers only present you with information, but are not and do not claim to be licensed physicians nor personal trainers.

What's New in the Ministry

If you haven't already obtained a copy of Pastor Broadus's book, "Creative Expressions," you can contact him directly via email: prophesizer@yahoo.com, or through the mail at the address below.

Also, since the latter of 2003, Rev. Broadus has been appointed as the Regional Elder for the state of Georgia, and Interim Regional Elder for the state of Florida for United Christian Faith Ministries' Evangelistic Association. UCFM is an international fellowship of Christians dedicated to unity in Christ, and evangelizing the world through the establishment of home churches throughout. You can find out more of this organization by visiting the website: <http://www.ucfm.net>.



UGFE MINISTRY INSTITUTE

We just want to take a moment from the institute to recognize the hard work of our international disciples, and ask for your prayers as they continue faithfully with UGFE Ministries in their respectful portions of the world. The UGFE Ministry Institute will soon begin offering teaching tapes, not recorded sermons, but teaching tapes that can be ordered by those interested.

Out of our discipleship programs, the Basic Discipleship Course/New Members' Class is to provide our members with an understanding of this ministry, and its purpose, and will contain review of our statements of belief, mission, vision, operational documents, and a foundation on Christianity, ministry, and our purpose in this faith. The Advanced Discipleship Course is designed to provide those chosen for leadership in this ministry with foundations on how to carry out ministry work from a leader's perspective, following the principles and beliefs of Christianity. All of these programs are offered free of charge, and there is a teaching section where various teachings of the ministry are updated regularly.

Prayers

We pray for the humility of the people of God in these worldly dominant times. Please also join us in prayer for repentance and strengthening of God's people. We pray that we shall not lose focus on He that is in charge, and our principle mission of serving and glorifying Him rather than ourselves, in the name of Jesus.

As always, we seek prayer for this ministry that it may only grow in doing the Lord's will according to His desires. We ask that you pray for all of the silent requests that we have and are receiving here at this ministry. We also ask that you keep leadership in prayer, for if we are following, it is important that all of our leaders are headed in the right direction. This includes our parents, employers, government leaders, pastors, and anyone else that has received authority over us. Also, if you have any prayers that you'd like to add to our prayer list, please feel free to send them to us.

Announcements

- Pastor and Mrs. Broadus are expecting a new baby in the month of April. The doctors say it will be a little girl. We don't have a registry set up, but if you'd like to send anything, just use the contact information below.
- We will be holding Christian Empowerment Services on Saturdays in Columbus, GA, and expect to hold a UCFM Regional Conference in Macon, GA later this year. Contact us at the email address below for more information, concerning dates and times.
- As always, Pastor Broadus is available speaking engagements and youth rallies, contact us for availability.

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We believe in the laws of sowing and reaping, cheerfully, as found in the Holy Bible, and that if you sow by faith into this work of God, then you also shall reap of the anointing and blessings of God accordingly. You can support us in partnership, sponsorship, or by donation of any of the items listed on the website as needed. One of the most important forms of support that you can provide is also prayer. May you keep us in prayer and we thank you for all of your love and support?

By the grace of God,
Kelvin
