

TO LOVE GOD WITH MY SERVICE

To Love/Worship God means to...

- 1.Love Him above, and before, anything or anyone else To *Love Him Supremely*.
- 2.Love Him with my *Trust*.
 - 3. To Love/Worship God with my life means... to *serve* Him with my life.

HOW TO LOVE GOD WITH MY SERVICE... (Lessons from the life of Noah)

1. It starts by intentionally **serving** Him with my **personal life**.

But Noah found favor with the Lord. This is the account of Noah and his family. Noah was a righteous man, the only blameless person living on earth at the time, and he walked in close fellowship with God. **Genesis 6:8-9 (NLT)**

Therefore, I urge you, brothers and sisters, in view of God's mercy, to offer your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God—this is your true and proper worship. Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is—his good, pleasing and perfect will. Romans 12:1-2 (NIV)

Blessed are all who fear the Lord, who walk (not sit, walk after Him) in obedience to Him. You will eat the fruit of your labor; blessings and prosperity will be yours. Your wife will be like a fruitful vine within your house; your children will be like olive shoots around your table. Yes, this will be the blessing for the man who fears the Lord. Psalm 128:1-4 (NIV)

2. It then moves to intentionally **serving** Him with my **public life**.

It was by faith that Noah built a large boat to save his family from the flood. He obeyed God, who warned him about things that had never happened before. By his faith Noah condemned the rest of the world, and he received the righteousness that comes by faith.

Hebrews 11:7 (NLT)

In the same way, let your good deeds shine out for all to see, so that everyone will praise your heavenly Father. Matthew 5:16 (NLT)

Never let loyalty (to God) and kindness (to people) leave you! Tie them around your neck as a reminder... Then you will find favor with both **God and people**, and you will earn a good reputation. **Proverbs 3:3-4 (NLT)**

3. Finally, it means intentionally **serving** Him with whatever abilities I have for **His** purposes.

Build a large boat... Look! I am about to cover the earth with a flood that will destroy every living thing that breathes... But I will confirm my covenant with you. So enter the boat—you and your wife and your sons and their wives... **Genesis 6:14, 17-18 (NLT)**

Going deeper on your own. Read Genesis 6-9:1. Think about what they must have been seeing in the world around them. What were the conversations like between Noah and his wife? What about the conversations between Noah and his sons? Imagine the conversations between Noah's sons and their wives. What was it about Noah and his wife that inspired their sons and their wives to help build the ark? Noah and his family used their lives to worship God. With that in mind, what do you say?