

“Want To or Have To?”

Heb. 8:8-10

Introduction

- I. What are your feelings and thoughts in regards to serving God?
- II. Do we serve God willingly and eagerly, or do we reluctantly and begrudgingly do such?
- III. What if what we have to do became what we want to do?

Discussion

- I. God wants His Law written on our hearts (Heb. 8:8-10).
 - A. Under the Old Law, much emphasis was placed on God's Law being written in stone (Matt. 15:8-9; 23:23-24).
 - B. God wants the New Law to be something that we want to obey instead of just having to obey.
- II. God's way leads to an enriching and purposeful life (1 Pet. 3:10-13).
 - A. There is a saying that goes something like this: “The way to happiness is to keep your wants few and simple”.
 - B. A better way is to make my responsibilities to God and man my desires (Matt. 22:37-40; 1 John 3:18-19).
- III. To help us establish such desire in our hearts, let us look to Jesus.
 - A. The thing that sustained Jesus was his desire to do His Father's will (John 4:34).
 - B. Jesus was not motivated to please Himself (John 5:30; 8:28-29).
- IV. I can serve God because I want to do such.
 - A. Paul made up his mind that he wanted to serve God (Phil. 3:4-9; Gal. 2:20).
 - B. Make service a habit, and it will become a regular part of your life.
 - C. Pray (Psm. 51:10).

Conclusion

- I. Where do we stand today in regard to doing God's will?
- II. Do we have the proper mindset and motivation of love?