

The Year of Sowing

Prayer Guide

Week 34

The Year of Sowing – As a servant – Character of a Servant

Now, a person who is put in charge as a manager must be faithful.

1 Corinthians 4:2 (NLT)



Prayer Focus: More important than the acts of service that a servant performs is the character of the servant. God examines the heart to find pure motives and godly character. Acts of service done out of the wrong heart attitude do not impress the Lord and can even bring dishonor to the Name of the Lord. The true servant of the Lord must first of all be holy in character. Pure in motives, heart and mind. A servant has at the very core of his or her character the desire to improve and bless others. A desire to meet the needs of other before thinking of their own needs. The character of a true servant of the Lord is that, like Jesus, personal enrichment or the notice of others is not important. The servant strives to understand and empathize with others' needs in order to know how to meet those needs. A servant of God assumes the good intentions of others, and does not reject them as people, even when one may be forced to refuse to accept certain behaviors or performance. The servant of God is faithful in carrying out his or her duties despite personal inconveniences and hardships. The servant of God is prayerful, listening for the voice of his or her master, with a heart ready to obey immediately when the Master speaks, without delay or excuses. The servant of the Lord has thankfulness as a part of their character. Not resentful of the position or possessions of others, but thankful for all that God has blessed them with, and thankful to be able to be a servant as was the Lord Jesus Christ. These are great challenges, when we look at the character of the servant of the Lord. These are challenges for each of us to examine our own lives and motivations. Only God knows the true character of our hearts, and if we submit to Him, He will transform our character into that of a true servant of the Most High God.

- Day 1:** Ask the Lord to examine your character and gently reveal where you need a transformation of your character.
- Day 2:** Consciously give the Lord permission to do a deep work of transformation in your character to become His servant for others.
- Day 3:** Confess whatever the Lord reveals to you that needs to be changed in your character.
- Day 4:** Pray that you as a family will be growing together in your character as a servant of Jesus.
- Day 5:** Pray for your church to be a place where character is being transformed by the power of the Holy Spirit.
- Day 6:** Pray that the work of the Holy Spirit will transform believers all across your city that the world will see Jesus in His people as they serve others.
- Day 7:** Pray for the continued transformation of the character of the missionaries from your church.