

You've Got to Serve Somebody
Romans 6:14-23
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"What then? Shall we sin because we are not under law but under grace? Certainly not! Do you not know that to whom you present yourselves slaves to obey, you are that one's slaves whom you obey, whether of sin leading to death, or of obedience leading to righteousness? But God be thanked that though you were slaves of sin, yet you obeyed from the heart that form of doctrine to which you were delivered. And having been set free from sin, you became slaves of righteousness. I speak in human terms because of the weakness of your flesh. For just as you presented your members as slaves of uncleanness, and of lawlessness leading to more lawlessness, so now present your members as slaves of righteousness for holiness. For when you were slaves of sin, you were free in regard to righteousness. What fruit did you have then in the things of which you are now ashamed? For the end of those things is death. But now having been set free from sin, and having become slaves of God, you have your fruit to holiness, and the end, everlasting life. For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord." (Romans 6:15-23; NKJ)

I. You're Gonna Have to Serve Somebody! (the _____)

- A. You can be a servant of _____. (v20)
- B. You can be a servant of _____. (vv17-18)

II. You're Gonna Have to Serve Somebody! (the Return)

- A. One master - _____ - will pay you a _____ - - _____.

"For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord." (v 23)

- B. Another master -- _____ - will give you a _____ - Everlasting _____!

"For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in

Christ Jesus our Lord." (v 23)

III. You're Gonna Have to Serve Somebody! (the Expression)

- A. Serving Sin will be expressed in _____. (v 19)

"Because they hated knowledge and did not choose the fear of the Lord, they would have none of my counsel and despised my every rebuke. Therefore they shall eat the fruit of their own way, and be filled to the full with their own fancies." (Proverbs 1:29-31; NKJ)

Therefore, they must eat the bitter fruit of living their own way, choking on their own schemes. NLT

- B. Serving God will be expressed in _____.

"... For just as you presented your members as slaves of uncleanness, and of lawlessness leading to more lawlessness, so now present your members as slaves of righteousness for holiness." (v19)

IV. You're Gonna Have to Serve Somebody! (the Fruit)

- A. Serving Sin will produce the _____ of _____.

"What fruit did you have then in the things of which you are now ashamed? For the end of those things is death." (v21)

- B. Serving God will produce the fruit of _____ and _____. (v22)

"But if serving the Lord seems undesirable to you, then choose for yourselves this day whom you will serve, whether the gods your ancestors served beyond the Euphrates, or the gods of the Amorites, in whose land you are living. But as for me and my household, we will serve the Lord." (Joshua 24:15; NKJ)