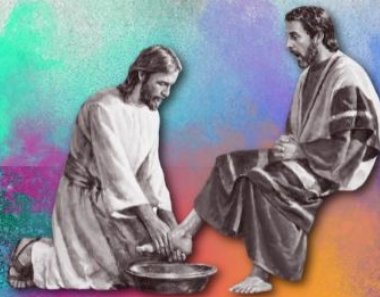


SAVED TO SERVE

MINISTRY FAIR 2026



1. Selfless Service is Spiritual Fruit



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Because a Christian is connected to Jesus and cared for by the Father, he WILL produce fruit.



A Christian cannot not produce
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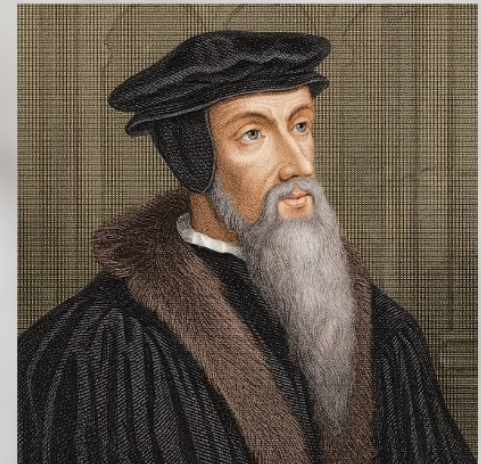


²² But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness

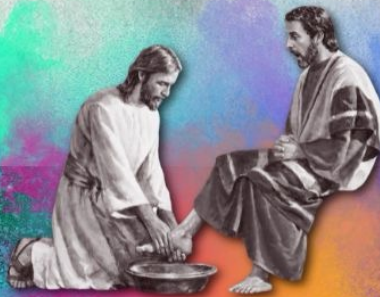
Galatians 5:22



No one gives himself freely and willing to God's service unless, having tasted his father love, he is drawn to love and worship him in return.



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2. The Service that Jesus Rejects



⁶ And he said to them, “Well did Isaiah prophesy of you hypocrites, as it is written,
“ ‘This people honors me with their lips,
but their heart is far from me;
⁷ in vain do they worship me,
teaching as doctrines the commandments of men.’

Mark 7:6-7



⁵ They do all their deeds to be seen by others. For they make their phylacteries broad and their fringes long, ⁶ and they love the place of honor at feasts and the best seats in the synagogues ⁷ and greetings in the marketplaces and being called rabbi by others.

Matthew 23:5-7



When we live for the applause and recognition of men,
we will die from the lack of it.



When we live for the applause and recognition of men,
we will die from the lack of it.

When we serve for the applause and recognition of men,
we will stop when there is a lack of it.



3. Abide in Jesus!

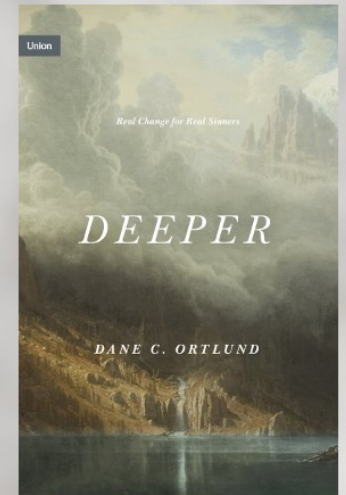


⁴ **Abide** in me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit by itself, unless it abides in the vine, neither can you, unless you abide in me. ⁵ I am the vine; you are the branches. Whoever abides in me and I in him, he it is that bears much fruit, for apart from me you can do nothing.

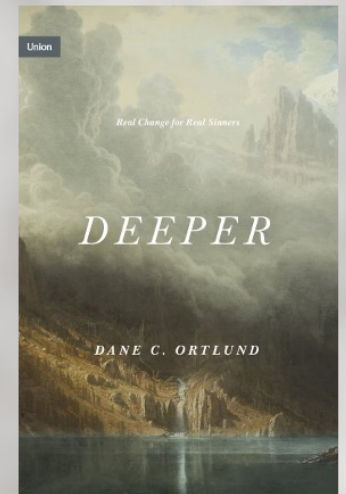
John 15:4-5



Our growth is not independent personal improvement.
It is growth in Christ.



You will grow in Christ as you direct your gaze to Christ.
If you take your eyes off of Jesus Christ and direct your gaze to
your own growth,
you will prevent the very growth you desire.



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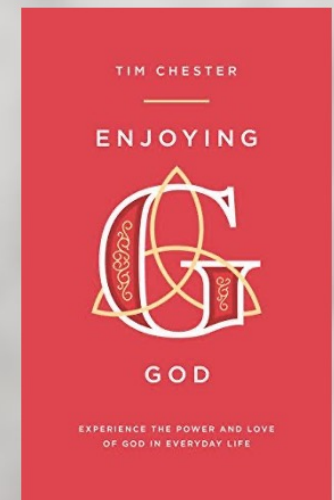


But by the grace of God I am what I am, and his grace toward me was not in vain. On the contrary, I worked harder than any of them, though it was not I, **but the grace of God that is with me.**

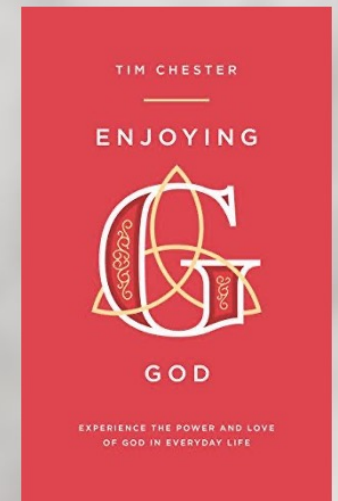
1 Cor 15:10



One of the most diligent workers in the Bible is the elder brother in the parable of the prodigal son. But one evening his faithful service is exposed for what it is: **self-service**. It turns out he was never really working for his father, but always for his own reward...



If you feel like a slave of a distant God who demands your obedience, then your service will always feel like hardwork and characterised by joyless duty...



But if you feel like a child of the God who has poured out his love of you, then your service will **be willing, full and joyous.**

You will delight to please your father, rather than feeling obliged to obey your master.



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We can only produce the spiritual
fruit of selfless serving,
when we abide in Jesus.



