

Psalm 84:10 (NKJV)

¹⁰ For a day in Your courts *is* better than a thousand. I would rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God
Than dwell in the tents of wickedness.

Introduction

When we truly look at ourselves as just servants of the Lord, we are less likely to grumble about the type of tasks He assigns us. As we mature in Christ, we don't look at any task as unimportant. The way the Master decides to use us is less important than the fact that He uses us at all! As we grow, there is less concern about being blessed (monetary reward, accolades from fellow servants, church positions) because of the completion of assigned tasks. The only reward we desire is the reward of being used by Him. This helps us realize that the one true concern is whether or not we are ready, willing, and able to complete an assigned task in His name and to be careful to give Him the praise, honor and glory for it.

The Lord Assigns Tasks**1 Corinthians 3:5-8 (NKJV)**

⁵ Who then is Paul, and who *is* Apollos, but ministers through whom you believed, as the Lord gave to each one?

⁶ I planted, Apollos watered, but God gave the increase.

⁷ So then neither he who plants is anything, nor he who waters, but God who gives the increase.

⁸ Now he who plants and he who waters are one, and each one will receive his own reward according to his own labor.

Vs. 5 – In this verse Paul attempts to show that there is no servant more important than another in God's house by asking the Corinthians if there is a distinction between him and Apollos as servants of God. It is man who has the tendency to elevate one servant over another for various (and often frivolous) reasons, which can create unintentional rifts in the body of Christ.

Vs. 6 – Paul compares the ministry of God to agricultural tasks. These tasks are very familiar to an agrarian society, and are not too much of a stretch for Christians to understand today. Every garden needs to be seeded and watered. The hard part is completed by God. He causes the seeds to grow! It's His seed, His soil, His water and His sunshine. It just stands to reason that whatever comes from it is His bounty. Similarly, it's His word, His servant delivering His word, the person spoken to is His, and anyone else that follows up with His word is His, so therefore it only stands to reason, the bounty belongs to Him!

Vs. 7 – It in this verse Paul places the emphasis where emphasis should belong. No credit should be given any one servant when it comes to the salvation of souls for Him.

Vs. 8 – Paul explains that there is singleness of purpose in the service of the Lord, and that is to lead all to the One true Savior. How well each performs this task is up to God; He decides. Let's not think we can take that privilege away from God. God also promises that each servant will be rewarded for what he does in service to the Lord. However, this reward will be provided to each servant in the future, either here or more than likely, in the air.