

Behold Test 9

Serviceability vs. Unreliability

1. Write from memory the definition of the Fruit of Righteousness - Serviceability:

2. To show that you not only know the definition of serviceability but that you also understand its meaning, please give two examples of how you have remained usable since you began your study of this Fruit of Righteousness:

a) _____

b) _____

3. Write from memory the definition of the Work of Self-Righteousness - Unreliability:

4. To show that you not only know the definition of being unreliable but that you also understand its meaning, please give two examples of ways in which you have found yourself unreliable in your life before you knew it was an alternative to the Fruit of Righteousness - Serviceability:

a) _____

b) _____

5. Using your dictionary, dissect and define the words in parenthesis found in Romans 12:1,2:

“I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable, unto God, which is your reasonable service. And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God.”
- Romans 12:1,2

“I (beseech) _____ you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living (sacrifice) _____, holy, acceptable, unto God, which is your (reasonable) _____ service. And be not (conformed) _____ to this world: but be ye (transformed) _____ by the (renewing) _____ of your mind, that ye may (prove) _____ what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God.”
- Romans 12:1,2

6. Information Application: Please re-read Romans 12:1,2 using your dissected and defined meanings. Rewrite in your own words (paraphrase) what this verse means to you. This method of studying your Bible will help you to better understand what God is trying to teach you so that you are more apt to apply it in your life.

7. With our previously studied definitions of not only serviceability, but gentleness and meekness as well, please read the verses below found in I Titus 2:9, 10; 3:1-3. Then, in the space below, explain what these verses mean to you in your own words and how you have applied these verses in your life to remain under the Spirit's leading, yielding to the Fruit of Righteousness - Serviceability.

“Exhort servants to be obedient unto their own masters, and to please them well in all things; not answering again; Not purloining (stealing time or treasure), but showing all good fidelity (honesty); that they may adorn the doctrine of God our Savior in all things....Put them in mind to be subject to principalities and powers, to obey magistrates (public officers), to be ready to every good work, To speak evil of no man, to be no brawlers (noisy arguers), but gentle, showing all meekness unto all men. For we ourselves also were sometimes foolish, disobedient, deceived, serving divers lusts (various desires) and pleasures, living in malice and envy, hateful, and hating one another.”
-Titus 2:9, 10; 3:1-3

8. Using your dictionary, dissect and define the words in parenthesis found in Ephesians 6:5-8:

“Servants, be obedient to them that are your masters according to the flesh, with fear and trembling, in singleness of your heart, as unto Christ; Not with eyeservice, as menpleasers; but as the servants of Christ, doing the will of God from the heart; With good will doing service, as to the Lord, and not to men: Knowing that whatsoever good things that any man doeth, the same shall he receive of the Lord, whether he be bond or free.”

- Ephesians 6:5-8

“(Servants) _____, be (obedient) _____ to them that are your (masters) _____ according to the flesh, with fear and trembling, in singleness of your heart, as unto Christ; Not with (eyeservice) _____, as (menpleasers) _____; but as the servants of Christ, doing the will of God from the heart; With good will doing service, as to the Lord, and not to men: Knowing that whatsoever good things that any man doeth, the same shall he receive of the Lord, whether he be (bond) _____ or (free) _____.”
- Ephesians 6:5-8

9. Information Application: Please re-read Ephesians 6:5-8 using your dissected and defined meanings. Rewrite in your own words (paraphrase) what this verse means to you. This method of studying your Bible will help you to better understand what God is trying to teach you, so that you are more apt to apply it in your life.

10. Please share a moment of weakness that you have experienced in your own life that God used to strengthen a particular character quality of servitude that was found lacking in His eyes.

11. Please review these previously memorized verses below, and apply what God has shown you through your study of Serviceability vs. Unreliability, please share what God has revealed to you through these verses regarding this Fruit of Righteousness - Serviceability.

“What shall we say then? Shall we continue in sin, that grace may abound? God forbid. How shall we, that are dead to sin, live any longer therein?”
- Romans 6:1-2

“Let not sin therefore reign in your mortal body, that ye should obey it in the lusts thereof. Neither yield ye your members as instruments of unrighteousness unto sin: but yield yourselves unto God, as those that are alive from the dead, and your members as instruments of righteousness unto God. For sin shall not have dominion over you: for ye are not under the law, but under grace.”

- Romans 6:12-14

“Know ye not, that to whom ye yield yourselves servants to obey, his servants ye are to whom ye obey; whether of sin unto death, or of obedience unto righteousness? Being then made free from sin, ye became the servants of righteousness.”
- Romans 6:16, 18

Student Self-Evaluation

-Using Information To Develop Your Personal Relation

As a developing Christian, God will place you in difficult situations that will give you opportunities to prove your willingness to be molded into a usable state. While in these situations you may find yourself submitting to this fruit, or you may become stubborn and have a reliance to be self-served. When we “try hard to do better,” we find ourselves conserving our abilities instead of utilizing them, thus refusing their usability for others. When we learn

to yield to God’s power, He will overcome our self-will to self-serve and mold our abilities to be usable for others.

After learning these truths, how have you found yourself responding to these opportunities:

- ☐ - I usually exhibit the Fruit of Righteousness - Serviceability
- ☐ - I struggle with yielding to the Work of Self-Righteousness - Unreliability

How do you think you could maintain your ability to serve others when your flesh screams to conserve your abilities to serve yourself and fulfill your own wants, needs, and wishes? Remember, “trying harder to do better” is not the right answer!

FOR THE DISCIPLER’S USE ONLY:

1. Do you feel your student understands the Fruit of Righteousness—Serviceability and the devil’s offsetting work of Unreliability?

Yes

No

2. Would you feel their grasp on these two alternative actions and reactions are:

Strong

Strengthening

Adequate

Minimal

Weak

3. Do you believe this student responds somewhat consistently with serviceability when faced with needs in the lives of others?

Often

Sometimes

Seldom

Never

4. Do you believe this student is ready to progress to the next course of study?

Yes

No

5. If yes, what leads you to feel this way?

6. If no, what are your reasons?