If you consider yourself a servant of God, it’s essential to ask: Are you truly doing the will of the Lord Jesus?

Why? Because pleasing God depends on understanding and living out His will. Jesus said clearly:

> *John 6:37-40 (ESV):*
> *“All that the Father gives me will come to me, and whoever comes to me I will never cast out.*
> *For I have come down from heaven, not to do my own will but the will of him who sent me.*
> *And this is the will of him who sent me, that I should lose nothing of all that he has given me, but raise it up on the last day.*
> *For this is the will of my Father, that everyone who looks on the Son and believes in him should have eternal life, and I will raise him up on the last day.”*

Here, Jesus teaches the doctrine of *eternal security* or *perseverance of the saints* those truly given to Him by the Father will be kept safe and raised on the last day. It reflects God’s sovereign grace in salvation (see also Romans 8:29-30).

In practice, this means two key missions for every believer and servant of God:

1. Lead others to Jesus so they can believe and receive eternal life.
2. Care for believers so that none of them fall away or lose their salvation.

Jesus modeled this mission, and the Father confirmed His work was pleasing (see John 5:30).

Bearing Lasting Fruit

> *John 15:16 (NIV):*
> *“You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you so that you might go and bear fruit fruit that will last and so that whatever you ask in my name the Father will give you.”*

Fruit that “remains” means genuine spiritual growth and lasting transformation, not temporary or shallow faith. This ties into *sanctification* the ongoing work of God to make believers holy (Philippians 1:6).

Jesus also instructed Peter:

> *John 21:15-17 (ESV):*
> *“Feed my lambs… Tend my sheep…”*

This demonstrates pastoral care, requiring both *nourishing* (teaching, encouraging) and *guarding* (protecting believers from falling away).

Perseverance and Growth in the Church

> *Acts 15:36-41 shows Paul revisiting churches he planted to strengthen believers, proving that evangelism must be paired with discipleship.*

Ask yourself:

- Are you helping others come to faith?
- Are you helping believers grow and stay faithful?

Jesus said:

> *John 4:34-35 (NIV):*
> *“My food is to do the will of him who sent me and to finish his work.*
> *Don’t you have a saying, ‘It’s still four months until harvest’? I tell you, open your eyes and look at the fields! They are ripe for harvest.”*

Don’t Be a Christian Who Just Sits in the Warehouse

In the parable of the wheat and the chaff, Jesus distinguishes believers (wheat) from unbelievers (chaff):

> *Matthew 3:12 (NIV):*
> *“His winnowing fork is in his hand to clear his threshing floor and to gather the wheat into his barn, but he will burn up the chaff with unquenchable fire.”*

The *barn* represents God’s protection and security.

However, wheat also needs to be planted back in the field to grow and produce a harvest:

> *John 12:24-26 (ESV):*
> *“Unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains alone; but if it dies, it bears much fruit.*
> *Whoever loves his life loses it, and whoever hates his life in this world will keep it for eternal life.”*

This is a call to *self denial* (Luke 9:23) and *counting the cost* of discipleship.

Many believers stay “in the barn” saved but inactive. Jesus calls us to endure trials and temptations to bear fruit (Luke 8:11-15).

Practical Application

- Salvation is not just a moment; it’s a lifelong process of *drawing others to Jesus* and *helping them remain faithful*.
- Faithfulness involves giving our resources, time, and gifts to God’s work (2 Corinthians 9:7).
- Don’t be a passive believer; be a fruitful servant who participates actively in the kingdom.

May God strengthen us to fully live His will, bear lasting fruit, and lead others to eternal life!

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