

SERVING

protects my holiness

In the spring of the year, the time when kings go out to battle, David sent Joab, and his servants with him, and all Israel. And they ravaged the Ammonites and besieged Rabbah. But David remained at Jerusalem.

2 SAMUEL 11:1 ESV

4 Principles to remain effective while serving the Lord:

1. I avoid my comfort zone; the palace of comfort is dangerous

² It happened, late one afternoon, when David arose from his couch and was walking on the roof of the king's house, that he saw from the roof a woman bathing; and the woman was very beautiful. ³ And David sent and inquired about the woman. And one said, "Is not this Bathsheba, the daughter of Eliam, the wife of Uriah the Hittite?" ⁴ So David sent messengers and took her, and she came to him, and he lay with her. (Now she had been purifying herself from her uncleanness.) Then she returned to her house.

2 SAMUEL 11:2-4 ESV

Dead flies cause the ointment of the apothecary to send forth a stinking savour: so doth a little folly him that is in reputation for wisdom and honour.

ECCLESIASTES 10:1 KJV

4 Principles to remain effective while serving the Lord:

2. I reject the idea of dishonoring God by serving with unclean hands

⁹ Why have you despised the word of the Lord, to do what is evil in his sight? You have struck down Uriah the Hittite with the sword and have taken his wife to be your wife and have killed him with the sword of the Ammonites. ¹⁰ Now therefore the sword shall never depart from your house, because you have despised me and have taken the wife of Uriah the Hittite to be your wife.' ¹¹ Thus says the Lord, 'Behold, I will raise up evil against you out of your own house. And I will take your wives before your eyes and give them to your neighbor, and he shall lie with your wives in the sight of this sun.

2 SAMUEL 12:9-11 ESV

Do not be slothful in zeal, be fervent in spirit, serve the Lord.

ROMANS 12:11 ESV

“Jesus Himself set the example for us. Serving doesn't wear you out; it sustains you.”

For even the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many.

MARK 10:45 ESV

4 Principles to remain effective while serving the Lord:

3. I protect my calling, because idleness opens the door to temptation

¹⁰ Create in me a clean heart, O God; and renew a right spirit within me. ¹¹ Cast me not away from thy presence; and take not thy holy spirit from me. ¹² Restore unto me the joy of thy salvation; and uphold me with thy free spirit. ¹³ Then will I teach transgressors thy ways; and sinners shall be converted unto thee.

PSALM 51:10-13 KJV

Watch and pray that you may not enter into temptation. The spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak.

MATTHEW 26:41 ESV

“We don't promote the performance trap, but rather strategic service guided by wisdom.”

Be sober-minded; be watchful. Your adversary the devil prowls around like a roaring lion, seeking someone to devour.

1 PETER 5:8 ESV

4 Principles to remain effective while serving the Lord:

4. I keep learning in every season as I fulfill God's purpose

²⁹ So David gathered all the people together and went to Rabbah and fought against it and took it. ³⁰ And he took the crown of their king from his head. The weight of it was a talent of gold, and in it was a precious stone, and it was placed on David's head. And he brought out the spoil of the city, a very great amount.

2 SAMUEL 12:29-30 ESV

“Consistent service is your greatest shield. Stay in the battle and keep serving.”

For David, after he had served his own generation by the will of God, fell on sleep, and was laid unto his fathers, and saw corruption.

ACTS 13:36 KJV

Only fear the Lord and serve him faithfully with all your heart. For consider what great things he has done for you.

1 SAMUEL 12:24 ESV

²⁰ Behold, I send an angel before you to guard you on the way and to bring you to the place that I have prepared.²⁵ You shall serve the Lord your God, and he will bless your bread and your water, and I will take sickness away from among you. ²⁶ None shall miscarry or be barren in your land; I will fulfill the number of your days.

EXODUS 23:20, 25-26 ESV