



The Ten Commandments for the Sunday School Servant

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Commandment 1: Who Do I Serve? Whom Am I Servant Of?

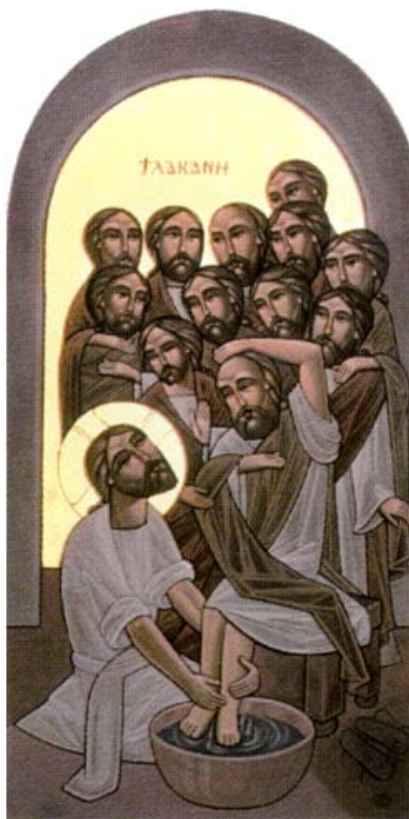
I, first, serve the Lord and my service comes in the form of teaching a group of boys and girls. Mainly you are not serving a person, but you are serving God. This may clarify how holy and serious this service is. It can't be subject to negligence, laziness, or personal interest. This is why our Lord Jesus Christ says, "Inasmuch as you did it to one of the least of these My brethren, you did it to Me." (Matthew 25:40)

Commandment 2: Why Do I Serve?

You serve because of your love to God who first served you and sacrificed Himself for you. He had purchased you with His blood and served you in so many valuable ways. He redeemed you, saved you from death, took care of you, raised you, and protected you to this hour. To express our love to Him whose love, compassion and benevolence capture us, we choose to serve Him with all our hearts, minds and capabilities.

Commandment 3: Who Called Me To Serve?

When the number of people who need service increased, the priest had to delegate to others who can take care of the spiritual work among children, youth, and those he cannot, due to circumstances serve personally himself. This delegation is still the priest's responsibility. Since the priest is the responsible



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person to God and to the church leadership, it is the priest who is the one to call for service. He can call for it in person or through principal. The service must have an orderly approach, "He who does not enter the sheepfold by the door, but climbs up some other way, the same is a thief and a robber." (John 10:1)

Commandment 4: What Is The Purpose of This Service?

The purpose of the service is to assist the served ones, train them, and follow up on their pure fellowship to our Lord Jesus Christ. These are the words of our Lord, "That they may know You, the only true God and Jesus Christ whom You have sent." (John 17:33) Beware of the conviction that your first purpose is to raise a generation of theologians, history students, dogmatic experts or people well aware of church rituals. No, this is not your first goal. These can be a natural outcome of the service you present, but the main purpose of our service is to help those we serve to be attached to the Lord Jesus Christ. Our Lord's service to the five thousand was not just food prior to eating He spoke to them, taught them, and healed their sickness. The physical nourishment came last as a result of spiritual fullness and after the day started to close.

Commandment 5: What Does It Mean That I Am A Servant?

It means to be a lower degree than those served. I am



responsible to God for whom I serve, and the true Christian attitude is to say with St. John the Baptist, "The ones I serve should increase and I decrease." "The Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve and to give His life a ransom for many." (Matthew 20:28) "In lowness of mind let each esteems others better than himself." (Philippians 2:3) St. Paul the Apostle said, "In weariness and toil, in sleeplessness often, in hunger and thirst, in fasting often, in cold and nakedness. who is weak and I am not weak? Who is made to stumble and I do not burn with indignation? (II Corinthians 11: 27-29)

Commandment 6: Who Is Your Example In Service?

No servant is supposed to have another servant as the perfect example for him no matter how perfect, deep, strong, successful, or zealous that servant may be. The Holy Bible teaches us through St. Paul the Apostle, "Therefore be followers of God as dear children." He also says, "Imitate me, just as I also imitate Christ." (I Corinthians 11:1). St. Paul was great in the service, and yet he alerts the servants to take the Lord Jesus Christ as their example. The example of the servant is the Lord Jesus Christ alone.

Commandment 7: Did You Consult With Your Confession Father Regarding Your Service?

To serve, you must have the permission and acceptance of the priest. There are several things the confession father will consider when he studies with you the possibility of your participation in service. For example:

- ✦ Are you reasonably ready to serve now or are you still in the preparation stage?
- ✦ Does this service agree with your talents and habits or may be a service of a different type is more

appropriate?

- ✦ Does the spiritual warfare you encounter now suggest that you better postpone participation in service or possibly modification of the group you qualify to serve?
- ✦ Do the servants you will work with have the same program and spiritual aspirations and principles that can support your spiritual life?
- ✦ Did you spend some time praying and asking the Lord's advice in this matter?
- ✦ Do your personal, family, academic, and practical circumstances contradict this type of service, in which case it can be substituted with another service?

It is also necessary that the priest follow up on your advance and progress in the service. The priest should be given interval reports on your service.

Commandment 8: Do You From Time To Time, Test Your Faithfulness To The Service?

Do you let go of important principles you used to consider essential to the service?

For example:

- A) Did any change occur to your first promises to be a faithful servant? Are you becoming lax and lazy? Be honest with yourself and try to deal with things earnestly.
- B) Did any change occur to your eagerness to serve? Do you look forward to the day you serve or do you no longer want to approach it? Did the service become a burden or are you still like the day you started, seeing it a source of joy, comfort, good effort and mirth to your heart?
- C) Try to test your eagerness for the success of the service. Do you still hold fast to the emblem, "Who stumbles and I don't burn? Do you thank the Lord for the success of the



service; do you pray and implore Him if you noticed any failure or weakness in it?

- D) Do you follow on how the people you serve advance on grace and in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ? Do you still hold to your first opinion the criteria of success in service is not simply the increase of number of people nor the density of the lessons; and that it is only judged by the continuous growth of the people served in grace and in the knowledge of the Lord Jesus Christ?
- E) How much can you now endure and be patient facing uprising obstacles and offenses either from within or what comes from the outside? Does it make your zeal less, annoy you, or cause you to despair? The service is the work of the Lord and when we serve we don't look at how people behave but "holding as in a mirror the glory of the Lord." (II Corinthians 3:18) And "Therefore, since we have received this ministry as we have received mercy, we do not lose heart." (II Corinthians 4:1).
- F) You must depend on the support of the Lord Jesus Christ in solving the internal and external problems. Don't exhaust yourself in trying to control all matters. Put all your burdens on the Lord and He will take care of you and assist you to manage your circumstances. Unless the Lord builds the



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house, in vain the builders try.

G) Do you complain that the service has started to be tiresome, needing too much time, and effort and requiring strong nerves? Beware, Satan wants to rob you of your crown, he wants you to wither like corn as the Lord Jesus Christ said to His disciples (Luke 22:31). St. Paul said, "Since we have this ministry, as we have received mercy, we do not lose heart." (II Corinthians 4: 1-2)

H) Do you feel conceited because of the success of your service? Do you ever think of yourself as a capable teacher, the famous deacon, the great mastery of lessons, and the wonderful indispensable manager? You and I are not worth anything without

God's assistance and His grace. Always give the glory to God and put off all conceit because it is the beginning of failure. David the Prophet said, "Who am I Lord God? And what is my house, that You have brought me this far?" (II Samuel 7:18)

Commandment 9: Does Your Behavior And Appearance Conform To That Of The Servant Of The Lord Jesus Christ?

Does whoever see me glorify the Lord for what he sees in me of Christian behavior, love of worship, and love and respect for others? Does my outward appearance of dressing myself, walking, and dealing with others, conform to the Christian appearance? Do I strive not to make others stumble or cause blame to the image of the Lord Jesus Christ? St. Paul the



servant of the Lord Jesus Christ said, “Let a man so consider us as servants of Christ and stewards of the mysteries of God (I Corinthians 4:1) and, “We have been made a spectacle to the world, both to angels and to men.” (I Corinthians 4:9)

Commandment 10: In Being Busy With The Service Do Not Forget You.

Service is supposed to be a blessing for you as much as it is a blessing for those you serve. Remember feeding the multitudes with five loaves and two fish, the servants (disciples) served the congregation, they

distributed the food to them, the Lord did not leave them unattended during this service, He took care of them even more and each of them got a basket load of fish and bread which equals 20 or 30 times the share of the people they served. So do not neglect your own spiritual life in the midst of the service. Do not become too busy with the service and do not have enough time to pray and read the Holy Bible regularly. May your confession and Holy Communion be at well arranged, fixed intervals. As you serve others and build their lives, be careful to build yourself as well and take care of your spiritual affairs.✠

What was the first sin of which the world came to know?



The first sin which the world recognized was that of pride.

• It was the first sin into which Satan fell when he said, “*I will exalt my throne above the stars of God... I will be like the Most High.*” (Isaiah 14:13-14).



• This was the first sin by which mankind was attacked, when the Devil said to Eve, “*you will be like God, knowing good and evil.*” (Genesis 3:5).

Therefore, when our Lord was incarnated, He fought this sin through His humility. He did so by:

- taking the form of a slave,
- becoming like a human being in His appearance,
- being born in a manger, and
- permitting the Devil to test Him.