



Preaching, Teaching and Reaching for
Transformation and Liberation

“CONSCIOUS AND INTENTIONAL MINISTRY: DOING WHO I AM”

Also I heard the voice of the Lord saying: “Whom shall I send, And who will go for Us?” Then I said, “Here am I! Send me.” Isaiah 6:8

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MY SERVICE TO GOD...

Many people are encouraged to have a desire to Give to God their best. That is a wonderful desire and well appreciated by God. In addition to giving to God our best, we should also desire to give to God our all. And yes, it is possible to give God our best, but not our all. That is, we can give God the best of what we give Him, but it is not all of what we have. If we are giving God our best and not giving God our all, we are, cheating God. God not only wants the best of what we have, God also wants all of what we have.

There is an old story that helps to affirm how much we actually give to God: “A cow and chicken were talking one day about what they should do to show their appreciation to the farmer. The chicken suggested that they make him a steak and eggs breakfast. The cow thought for a moment and displayed a non-approving look. The chicken asked if there was a problem. The cow responded, ‘In order to provide for this breakfast, for you it is a contribution, but for me is a sacrifice.’”

No doubt, we all desire to show our appreciation to God. We each, like the cow and the chicken, bring something to our service to God. My question for us this morning, “Is my service to God a contribution or a sacrifice?” It is easy for me to serve God as a contribution – that is, at a level of convenience; to the degree where I do not have to expend any energy; in a way where it does not cost me anything – to just sit and do the east. That is easy.

Alternatively, I desire that my service to God be a sacrifice. I desire to come into the presence of God, then leave God’s presence knowing that I have been equipped to go and serve God as I serve humanity – giving everything that I have.

Below I share with you two quotes shared with me from a mentor:

Alexander Whyte,
19th Century Scottish Hymnist

“Lord I give myself to thee
and whatever I cannot give,
I invite You to take.”

George Matheson
19th Century British Hymnist

“Lord, make me a captive
and I shall be free.
Take away my sword,
and I shall a conqueror be”

The Pilgrim Rest Oasis

Sharing the Faith · Securing the Future

Through faith God has given us the space to be an oasis in the middle of the city.

An oasis is a fertile spot in the desert where refuge, relief, and refreshment is found.

Be part of God's plan for Pilgrim Rest and this community.

Start contributing to the Oasis today!
Let's continue to make progress!



Thank you for your continued support of God's plan for us.

Beginning



Current



Your contribution can be dedicated to a specific activity or the Oasis, in general.

	Educational Enrichment	Technology Literacy	Athletics & Recreation	Performing Arts	Facility Innovation
\$500	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 15 Subject books for elementary (math, literature, history, etc.) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1 iPad 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 10 basketballs 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 10 art sets for aspiring artists 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> External security lighting to keep the street well-lit and safe
\$1,000	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 100 Summer Bridge books to help students retain learning during breaks 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 100 "learn how to code" kits for elementary students 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 10 tennis rackets 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 4 beginner saxophones or 8 beginner violins 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Camera security system to keep everyone safe
\$2,500	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 9 students can be challenged to excel using interactive problem-solving programs 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1 computer for graphic design and website creation 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 12 sets of golf clubs for children 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 10 Play Scripts with performance/licensing fee and cast instructions 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Wireless PA system to easily communicate at the school
\$5,000	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1 smartboard to help teachers engage students in learning 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1 STEM lab cart of materials for a classroom with multiple activities 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 3-day Speed and Agility workshop for 15 young aspiring track stars 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 100 pairs of tap shoes for aspiring dancers 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Battery operated floor scrubber to keep the building looking its best
\$10,000	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1 trip for 15 students to visit 1 HBCU 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 100 Robotic kits to reinforce studies in STEAM subjects 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Open gym for 20 young people 1 X a week throughout the winter in a safe place 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 200 tickets to see Alvin Ailey Dance Company 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> LED light fixtures throughout the school to promote learning and natural light

WORK FOR THE WEEK

JULY MEMORY VERSE

²² But be doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves

James 1:22

JULY MEDITATION QUOTE

"When I got religion, I found some work to do to benefit somebody."

Sojourner Truth

TODAY'S STUDY QUESTIONS AND MEDITATION:

Am I standing or am I falling? _____

Am I only playing defense or am I playing defense and offense? _____

FOR THE YOUTH

Just like you play other games to win, in your spiritual life - play to win _____
