

# Marks of True Spiritual Service, Part 1

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## I. Introduction.

A. People serve the Lord for many bad reasons. None of these is true spiritual service.

B. Text: Romans 1:8-16.

C. Paul was motivated by his inner man--his spirit.

D. Service was a total commitment for Paul. (Romans 12:1)

1. Paul's service was an act of worship.

2. Paul's service was spiritual. (2 Timothy 1:3)

E. There are marks of true spiritual worship.

## II. A thankful spirit.

A. God's goals became a source of Paul's thanksgivings

B. Paul's thanks was all-encompassing. (John 14:6)

C. A thankful attitude will always find a cause for thanksgiving.

III. Unceasing prayer. Pray and ask God if you can be part of the answer. (Acts 6:4, 1 Thessalonians 5:17, Ephesians 6:18)

## Application Questions:

1. How would you assess your own service to God?

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2. What are some areas you could be more thankful in? Explain.

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3. What is your plan for making prayer more regular in your life? Be specific.

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