

April 17

TODAY'S BIBLE STUDY & MEDITATION

KEY IDEAS: Do I experience joy in God's presence? Do I see myself as God sees me, as His possession that was paid for with the blood of Christ? Does my service demonstrate that I accept the fact that I am the Lord's property? Does my life bless others in a tangible way?

1 **God is served with praise and His presence provokes joy** — *Psalm 100:2*
Serve the LORD with gladness: come before his presence with singing.

When have I felt joy in God's presence as a result of music and singing?

What blessings fill my heart with joy that I can praise God for?

2 **I am God's possession and servant** — *1 Corinthians 7:23* *Ye are bought with a price; be not ye the servants of men.*

How will I live if I recognize God's ownership? How will I live if I ignore it?

Why does the enemy want me to think of myself as a freelance Christian?

3 **I am to see that my works of service are as prevalent as when I first came to Christ** — *Revelation 2:19* *I know thy works, and charity, and service, and faith, and thy patience, and thy works; and the last [to be] more than the first.*

How has the quality and quantity of my service for the Lord changed?

What improvements need to occur in the quantity and quality of my service?

Holy Spirit, how do you want to apply these verses in my life today?

OPTIONAL BIBLE READINGS

Morning: Luke 14:1-24

Evening: 2 Samuel 1, 2