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God Almighty expressed His concern about the His people especially for two things and that is the reason He said, "Even from the days of your fathers ye are gone away from mine ordinances; and have not kept them. Return unto , and I will return unto you, saith the LORD of hosts. But ye said, wherein shall we return?" (Malachi 3:7).

Sin No. 1: "Will man rob God? Yet ye have robbed me. But ye say, wherein have we robbed thee? In **TITHES AND OFFERING**". Further God expresses His concern, "Ye are cursed with a curse: for ye have robbed me, even this whole nation" (Vs. 8). God does not curse anyone. Bur for whatever man soweth he repeat.

Sin No. 2: "Your words have been stout against me, saith the LORD. Yet ye say, what have we spoken so much against thee? Ye have said, **IT IS VAIN TO SERVE GOD**: and what profit is it that we have kept his ordinances, and that we have walked mournfully before the LORD of hosts?" (Vs. 14).

I always wonder to see the people of God, especially most of us who serve God in present century are guilty of this sin. I have come across many servants of God who do not pay their tithes, and who always utter these words, "**What is use of serving God**" especially from their spouse`s mouths.

Our good God requires from us total obedience to Word. And as the servant of the Most High God we must set example of paying our tithes and offering as required by our God. I fell a prey to this kind of deception. I never used to pay my tithes in the beginning years of my walk with the Lord but later the good Lord has taught me to pay what is belongs to Him and I am still practicing that in my life.

Many times I also fell prey to the negative confession, "What is the use serving God." But in this area also my merciful and loving God has taught me and I rejoice serving Him in the remote forest and hills` villages sharing the good news of Jesus Christ. And I cease not to give thanks to the Lord for you all who are standing with me with your prayers and financial support to win the lost and to establish the village churches. Every day I read in my morning devotion time Psalms 100, "Make a joyful noise unto the LORD, all ye lands. **SERVE THE LORD WITH GLADNESS.....**" (Psalms 100:1-2).

Yes, I take delight in serving the Lord because my Lord Jesus Christ has set an example, "Looking unto Jesus the author and finisher of our faith, who for the JOY THAT WAS SET BEFORE HIM ENDURED THE CROSS, DESPISING THE SHAME... (Hebrews 12:2). He knew that by His suffering and sacrificial death the lost human being will get back to God again. And that Joy was persuading him to go to the cross. The same mind we who are serving Him should have, that by our tough time, opposition, even betrayal, even physical harm, the lost soul will be added to the Kingdom of God and we are fully able to co-operate with the Lord in His eternal plan of restoration of the lost human being. What a joy!

I would like to encourage us, especially them who are by some reason have discourage in the service of the Lord and in the danger of this sin. Lord wants us to realize and get back to the right track with our faith walk with Him.

May our good Lord continue to bless you and your families. Prema and I love you so dearly and pray for you daily. Write us for we love to hear from you!

Remember **Jesus is Lord** and take with you **the Word of God and Faith**, excellent traveling Comanions (Psalms 119:105; II Corinthians 5:8) "**Goodness of the Lord endureth forever.**"

