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The Lord wants you to live in His liberty and freedom.

1 Sam. 12:24 *But be sure to fear the LORD and serve Him faithfully with all your heart; consider what great things He has done for you. (NIV)*

What is it that makes you want to serve the LORD? Is it because you want to show yourself to be faithful? Maybe it is a way to try to appease Him or please Him. But, the reason we should serve the LORD comes from considering all the great things He has done for you. So, here is a suggestion. Take a little time this today and list out as many things as you can that the LORD has done for you. Hint: salvation, the Holy Spirit, the fruit of the Spirit, the fellowship with other believers, being part of the body of Christ, growing in His Word, experiencing His presence, blessings of family, and the list could go on and on.

We used to sing an old hymn which said we should ‘count your many blessings; name the one by one.’ I think the more that we do that, the more we will see and understand that the LORD is busy in our lives. He continues to pour out Himself and provide for us in so many ways. The more we consider what He has done and continues to do, the more it makes us grateful. We will be filled with His joy in a world that seems to not understand what true joy is.

Heb. 12:1-3 *Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses, let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles. And let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us, fixing our eyes on Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of faith. For the joy se before Him He endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God. Consider Him Who endured such opposition from sinners, so that you will not grow weary and lose heart. (NIV)*

Dear LORD, help us to count our blessings and consider all that you have done for us. You are our Creator, Redeemer, Salvation, Encourager, Provider, Rock and Friend. We bless Your Name. In Jesus Name, Amen