

**Volume 2 – Day 21: Dutiful Work or
Spontaneous Expression of Affection**

My service for God is not service in the usual sense. It is not service based on an obligation or a duty or a payback. My service is simply the natural expression of my affection. When I pondered my relationships, my truest friends, my dearest relatives, I realized in retrospect that nearly everything I have done for them for their sake has been expressed out of love for them and a desire to bring them pleasure. Those are the things for which I will be remembered fondly and the things which have encouraged and enlightened them and made their lives more pleasant.

God created us specifically so that He might express Himself in myriad ways. God is so, so large and so in charge. He doesn't need us for service and He doesn't want to support **our projects or ministries**. He does not need us. He desires us. And when we fall in love with Him and allow His life to be expressed through our beings, then He receives great pleasure and great glory.

So when you're thinking about doing some service thing **for** God, or looking for some specific calling of ministry **for** God, stop right there, go no further. Instead, just look into the eyes of an adoring God. Simply love Him back. Just love on Him until you are more satisfied with His love than with any lover you've ever experienced physically. It is only passionate love for God that pleases him and brings Him glory.

My Confirming Scriptures:

Aligning Experiences: