

SERVE WHEN YOU KNOW YOU SHOULD

Anyone, then, who knows the good he ought to do and doesn't do it, sins (James 4:17).

We must accept the reality that most of our choices are really quite easy. I know that life holds difficult situations, where confusion reigns without because Scripture is silent (or seems silent) and wisdom remains veiled. These seasons are short-lived and seldom seen for most of us.

Most of life's choices are black and white—we often know the good we ought to do. You probably wouldn't find it too difficult to think about one act of servanthood that you could do tomorrow. It is more difficult to be aware of the times when we are selfish, but this may be easily overcome with consistent personal reflection.

The kindness of God's leading in our life is that He begins with what we know. There are many deep mysteries of the faith, but serving others isn't one of them. A servant helps where he or she is needed, so all we need to ask: "How can I best help?" We ought to refuse ruthlessly to ignore the promptings of the Holy Spirit, and serve when we know we ought.

Lord, strengthen my will; help me to choose the good that I already see before me.