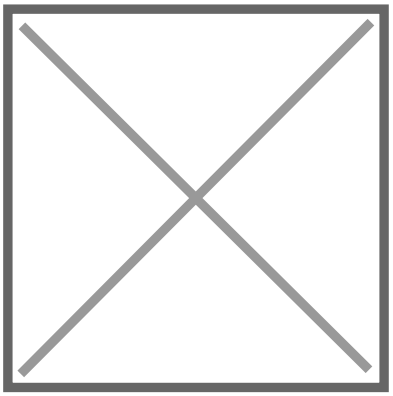

Blog by Ron â?? Is Writing a Christian Service?

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Is writing a Christian service? That is a very good question. However, that is a question you can should ask about any job that exists and should be asked by every Christian.

Any Job can be Christian Service

There are exemptions to the idea of a job being a Christian service. For example, a bartender sells and serves alcoholic beverages, which is not Christian. Neither is prostitution. So, here are some principles to apply:

- It cannot be Christian service if it is contrary to Biblical teaching.
- A particular job may be fine, however, if it uses deception then it is not Christian service.

The true test of service, any kind of service, is as follows: Does it

- Agree with Biblical facts
- Honor God
- Inspire people to read the Bible
- Encourage people to worship God
- Enable others to serve
- Inspire people to live godly lives

These are just a few tests, but can you think of others? And, once youâ??ve completed that list, consider whether the question really goes to motive and behavior more than the nature of the job.

The Bible teaches us:

- ***Servants, obey in all things your masters according to the flesh; not with eyeservice, as menpleasers, but in singleness of heart, fearing God.*** **(Col. 3:22)**

- ***And let ours also learn to maintain good works for necessary uses, that they be not unfruitful.*** **(Titus 3:14)**
- ***She looketh well to the ways of her household, and eateth not the bread of idleness.*** **(Prov. 31:27)**

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How Does This Apply for Writing?

This calls for some self-examination on your part. Look inward and examine your thoughts and motives. These will reveal a lot. However, right here is a good place to practice Psalm 139:23-24

Search me, O God, and know my heart: try me, and know my thoughts: And see if there be any wicked way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting.

You have motive, however, is it a commitment to the Lord? Is it to earn a living? That is good motive, but it doesnâ??t sound like a commitment to the Lord.

Is it because you like and, perhaps, are good at writing? Again, that is good. But is that enough to be Christian service?

What is Christian Service?

To me, *Christian service is doing something that furthers the Gospel in some fashion*, which leaves a large opening to be filled. Below I list some examples of furthering the Gospel, but it is important to remember this is not an exhaustive list. Read these and think about other examples you can add.

What are Some Examples?

Examples of furthering the Gospel are:

- **Soulwinning**
- **Handing out tracts**
- **Helping people**
- **Inspirational novels**
- **Inspirational true stories**
- **Devotionals**
- **Teaching Books**

And the list goes on. For example, Tess, my wife, is working on a devotional while I am working on a doctrinal book for laymen and for non-Christians which would come under Teaching Books.

Christian Service can also be a Motive

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I am thinking about someone who is a lawn caretaker, miner, logger, and others. The work may not lend itself directly to serving, but a motive like fund raising for a local church, going on a church missionâ??s trip, or simply helping other Christians out. These are but examples and you can probably come up with others.

The point here is that *giving* can cover a lot of activity that indirectly supports our desire to tell others about Christ.

Conclusion

The answer therefore is Yes, writing can be a Christian service. And add to that this idea: we need more Christian writers than ever before! We live in a time where anti-christian **behavior, even persecution, is increasing. Christians need to know more about their God and how to live, and non-Christians need to learn and act upon the fact that they need Jesus Christ!**

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