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TEXT: 1 Kings 19:19-21; Matthew 10:37-42

SUPPLEMENTAL SCRIPTURES: Exodus 35:29; Isaiah 1:19; 2 Corinthians 8:12

KEY VERSE: Whatsoever thy hand findeth to do, do it with thy might; for there is no work, nor device, nor knowledge, nor wisdom, in the grave, whither thou goest. — Ecclesiastes 9:10

In the first portion of our text we see the willingness of Elisha to follow the man of God, Elijah. Elisha burned his plow, made a sacrifice of his oxen, said goodbye to the family, and was on his way. Let's take a look at how important it is to have a willing and uncomplaining spirit in the service of God.

1. What did Elijah do when he passed by Elisha? What was the significance of this?

2. How did Elijah respond when Elisha followed after him? What would the natural human reaction be to the response Elijah gave?

3. Elisha proved his willingness by his actions. What were these actions? What do they tell us about how we should respond to God's call for service?

4. Paraphrase Matthew 10:38-40.

5. What was Moses willing to give up and what was he willing to do? For what reason? See Hebrews 11:24-26.

6. What was Ruth willing to do to serve the Lord? See Ruth 1:15-17.

7. What do you think is most important in our service to the Lord?

8. We not only need to be willing in our service but also uncomplaining in our attitude. The Children of Israel often complained in the wilderness. What does it mean to be uncomplaining, and why is it so necessary?

9. There are rewards connected with service for the Lord. What does Isaiah 1:19 tell us about this?

10. How do our attitudes toward God's service affect those around us? See Colossians 3:23.