

## ***Serving without personal motives***

One way to shift from work to divine service is to remember and realize the temporary nature of life. The truth is that no matter how much you accomplish, you'll be gone from this world one day.

Here is a penetrating question to contemplate: Would you devote your life to serving God and humanity, knowing the credit for the beneficial results would never be yours and could ultimately go to someone else?

In a sense, all good world leaders make this sacrifice – preparing the way for future abundance they may never receive credit for, at least during their lifetime. Yet they strive to build new benefits for future generations anyway.

The shift from work to divine service comes, in part, from realizing and remembering the temporary nature of life. One sweet day, you'll leave this world. Nobody will remember what you did or who you were, unless you've managed to leave a large enough dent in the world to be remembered for a while. Will you even know or care what people in this world say about you after you're gone? Perhaps so, but probably not.

Mother Teresa was one of the great servants of humanity in the 20<sup>th</sup> century. She and the sisters of her order cared for the poorest, most forgotten people with love and respect. On her wall, Mother Teresa kept the following advice:

*People are unreasonable, illogical, and self-centered. Love them anyway. If you do good, people may accuse you of selfish motives. Do good anyway. If you are successful, you may win false friends and true enemies. Succeed anyway. The good you do today may be forgotten tomorrow. Do good anyway. Honesty and transparency make you vulnerable. Be honest and transparent anyway. What you spend years building may be destroyed overnight. Build anyway. People who really want help may attack you if you help them. Help them anyway. Give the world the best you have and you may get hurt. Give the world your best anyway.*