

THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN VOLUNTEERING AND BEING CALLED INTO GOD'S SERVICE

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[John 15:16 Exodus 3:10 I Chronicles 15:16 - 22 I Timothy 1:12]

A VOLUNTEER ...	SOMEONE CALLED BY GOD ...
looks upon rehearsal as another commitment he's been obligated to fulfill.	looks upon rehearsal as another opportunity to be used by God.
looks upon constructive criticism with indignation.	is grateful for feedback because she wants to be the best she can be.
puts in minimal effort.	puts in maximum effort.
sits back and complains about this and that bothering him.	leads a personal campaign to improve that which needs improvements.
feels threatened by the talent of others.	feels secure in God's direction of her life.
does no outside practicing or preparation (after all, he's just a volunteer).	comes to rehearsals and performances as prepared as possible.
wants to quit at the first sign of adversity or discouragement.	digs in and perseveres.
is oblivious to the needs of her ministry.	prays over the needs of her ministry.
is more prone to jealousy of others.	praises God for distributing gifts and talents as He chooses.
shrinks back from resolving relational conflict.	seeks to resolve all relational conflict to preserve the unity of the team with which he serves.
finds her main source of fulfillment in her talents and abilities.	knows that being used of God is the most fulfilling thing she can do with her life.
can't handle being put into situations where he's going to be "stretched."	responds to God's call with humble dependence on Him.