

West Valley Church of Christ – February 8, 2026

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Sunday Bible Study: 9:30 a.m.  
Sunday Worship: 10:30 a.m.  
Wednesday Devotional: 6:30 p.m.

**LABOR IN THE LORD IS NOT VAIN**

The more we saturate ourselves with the fruit of the Spirit (Galatians 5:22-23) and live under the Spirit's teaching the more mature we will be in Christ. Christians living by the Spirit serve the Lord together with the primary goal of glorifying God. Colossians 3:23-24, "Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord, not for me, since you know that you receive an inheritance from the Lord as a reward. It is the Lord Christ you are serving." Success as a Christian comes down to our willingness to glorify God in all that we do. The key to the most profitable, effective, and productive life in the eyes of the Lord boils down to the word, "servant." What should be our attitude when it comes to being a servant? Jesus said it this way in John 12:26, "Whoever serves Me must follow Me, and where I am, my servant also will be. My Father will honor the one who serves Me." The fruit we bear in our lives determines how much drive we have to serve in the likeness of Jesus. When we fill our hearts with God's kind of fruit, we will live an obedient, godly, purposeful, servant driven life. The apostle told the believers in the church in Corinth, "Therefore, my dear brothers, stand firm. Let nothing move you. Always give yourselves fully to the work of the Lord, because you know that your labor in the Lord is not in vain" (I Corinthians 15:58). Nothing we do in the Lord's service is without value.

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