

# Not of letters, but of spirit

Service — Of the Spirit

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(Guitar: Capo 1)

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The musical score is written for guitar with a capo at the first fret. It consists of four staves of music in the key of B-flat major (two flats) and 4/4 time. The melody is simple and hymn-like, with lyrics written below the notes. Chord symbols (D, A, A7, D, E7, G) are placed above the staff to indicate the harmonic accompaniment. The lyrics are: '1. Not of let - ters, but of spir - it, The New Test - a - ment - al way; For 'tis life the spir - it giv - eth, But the let - ters al - ways slay. Out - ward work God nev - er rec - kons, But what's from the in - most part; It is not to serve in let - ter, But life's new - ness to im - part.'

2. Not just by the outward teachings,  
But by His anointing moved;  
Not just by the outward pattern,  
But by inward vision proved.  
Not by human rules or rituals,  
But by heaven's rule within;  
Not by human-made decisions,  
But by guidance giv'n of Him.

3. Not a dead religion serving,  
But in Christ as life to live;  
Not theology dispensing,  
But a living Christ to give.  
Not the knowledge of mere doctrine,  
But the message Christ should be;  
Not the gifts, the forms, the teachings,  
But God's Christ—reality.

4. Not objectively to worship,  
But to serve Him inwardly;  
Not to preach a Christ objective,  
But Himself subjectively.  
Not just by the Scripture serving,  
But in spirit and in life;  
Not by flesh, but by the Spirit  
Filling, freeing from all strife.