

AVAILABILITY

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Availability (vs. Self-Centeredness)

**Making my schedule and priorities
secondary to the wishes of those I
serve**



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Availability the quality of being present or ready to act.

<http://www.merriam-webster.com/dictionary/availability>

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To practice **Availability** I will:



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- put others ahead of myself
- find a way to help, not a way to hide
- be ready when I am called
- be glad for the chance to serve
- check with the right person before I make commitments

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“The definition of **Availability** refers to “those I serve”. To understand availability, you must first understand who you serve. We obviously serve those in authority over us but don't we also serve our peers? Good leaders serve those they lead...”



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“...So being available means being ready to help others wherever we are and to do so cheerfully. If you look at the opposite quality of self-centeredness you can better understand **Availability** by thinking of it as “other-centeredness...”





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“We ourselves feel that what we are doing is just a drop in the ocean. But the ocean would be less because of that missing drop.”

Mother Teresa

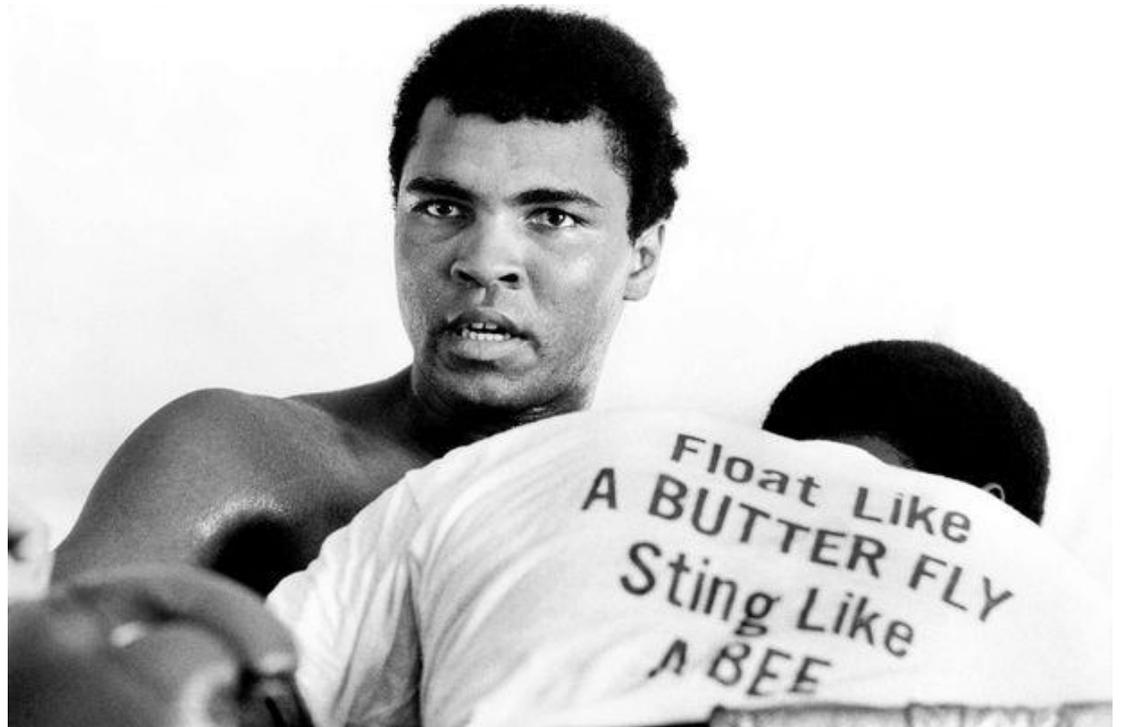




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“Service to others is the rent you pay for your room here on earth.”

Muhammad Ali



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*“...being available means
being ready to
help others wherever we are
and to do so cheerfully...”*



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“All things are
ready, if our mind
be so.”

William Shakespeare, *Henry V*



ARE YOU READY?

The image features the text "ARE YOU READY?" rendered in a 3D, blocky font. The letters are a light cyan color with a white highlight on the top and left edges, giving them a three-dimensional appearance. The text is arranged in three lines: "ARE" on the top line, "YOU" on the middle line, and "READY?" on the bottom line. The question mark is significantly larger than the other characters. Below the text, there is a clear, slightly blurred reflection on a white surface, suggesting the text is floating or resting on a reflective plane. The background is a plain, light gray gradient.

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*The Scout Motto
'BE PREPARED'
has been used by
millions of Boy
Scouts around the
world since 1907.*



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“The Scout Motto is: **BE PREPARED** which means you are always in a state of readiness in mind and body to do your duty.

- “**Be Prepared in Mind** by having disciplined yourself to be obedient to every order, and also by having thought out beforehand any accident or situation that might occur, so that you know the right thing to do at the right moment, and are willing to do it.
- “**Be Prepared in Body** by making yourself strong and active and able to do the right thing at the right moment, and do it.”

Bible Notes

“John was a lamp that burned and gave light, and you chose for a time to enjoy his light.”

John 5:35 (NIV)

“He was a burning and a shining light: and ye were willing for a season to rejoice in his light.”

John 5:35 (KJV)

Bible Notes

The Greek word ***thelō*** (*the'-lō*), translated as “willing” in John 5:35 (KJV) means “to be resolved or determined, to purpose.” The same Greek word is used to describe the centurion who saved Paul in Acts 27:43.

“But the centurion, willing to save Paul, kept them from their purpose; and commanded that they which could swim should cast themselves first into the sea, and get to land..” Acts 27:43 (KJV)

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“Are you
willing to
serve?”



Bible Notes

The same Greek word ***thelō*** (*the'-lō*), meaning “to be resolved or determined, to purpose,” is used in 1 Timothy 6:18, which deals with the willingness to share with others.

“Command them to do good, to be rich in good deeds, and to be generous and willing to share.”

1 Timothy 6:18 (NIV)

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“Are you
willing to
share ?



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“If you are willing to serve,
and you are willing to share...
then you are available !

Bible Notes



“Then He said to His disciples, “The harvest truly is plentiful, but the laborers are few. Matthew 9:37 (NKJV)

Bible Notes



“Therefore pray the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into His harvest.”

Matthew 9:38 (NKJV)