



Serving Others

USING OUR SKILLS, TIME AND
RESOURCES TO BLESS OTHERS

How has your life been changed because people helped you?

- Did school teachers help you succeed?
- How did your parents encourage you and teach you as you were growing up? What kind of sacrifices did they make?
- Did someone help you find a job or be more successful at your job?
- If you are married, in what ways has your spouse helped you become happy and successful?

Sometimes we wonder “What is God’s will for my life?”

One answer to that question is that God helps us to become more and more directed by the Spirit of God as Jesus lives in us and through us to serve others.

Mt 20:25-28 *“Jesus called them together and said, “You know that the rulers of the Gentiles lord it over them ... not so with you. Instead, whoever wants to become great among you must be your servant ... just as the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve...”*

The Bible teaches that spiritual gifts are given by God so that we can be a blessing to others.

I Peter 4:10 *“Each one should use whatever gift he has received to serve others, faithfully administering God’s grace in its various forms.”*

I Cor 12:7 *“the manifestation of the Spirit is given for the common good.”*

All of these spiritual gifts are other-centered.

Romans 12:5-8

Prophesying – let him use it in proportion to his faith

Serving – let him serve

Teaching – let him teach

Encouraging – let him encourage

Contributing to the needs of others – give generously

Leadership – govern diligently

Mercy – do it cheerfully

**The Bible says we are not saved by good works,
but we are created to live a life doing good works.**

Ephes 2:10

*“For we are God workmanship, created in Christ
Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in
advance for us to do.”*

The Bible says that, however many talents (skills, abilities, gifts, money) we have received, the important thing is to put them to work, not let them sit idle.

Mt 25:21

“Well done good and faithful servant! You have been faithful with a few things; I will put you in charge of many things.

The early Christians understood that we live a life of serving others to honor God, to help others and we are blessed as well.

Acts 20:35

“In everything I did, I showed you that by this kind of hard work we must help the weak, remembering the words the Lord Jesus himself said, ‘It is more blessed to give than to receive.’ ”



Some questions to consider:

1. How can you serve others at your place of work?
2. What are some ways your family can serve others?
3. How will you model and teach service to your children?
4. What are some ways your small group or Sunday School class can work together to serve?
5. What are some ways your church can serve your community?

What might be some needs in your community?

- Helping senior adults
- Helping single mothers
- Helping disabled people
- Helping students by tutoring
- Helping at a school or hospital
- Helping veterans
- A support group for addicts or cancer survivors
- Helping job-seekers