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The Service Factor

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INTRODUCTION

I want you to ask yourself this question: “Where are you serving?” There are all kinds of places to serve. You can serve in the ministry of discipleship. You can serve in the ministry of worship. However, one of the greatest places you can serve is out in the community. God wants His children to be involved in serving. I pray that your Christian life is not about receiving, but more about giving. This happens when we choose to serve. In this message, I want us to look at the key characteristics of someone who serves so we can begin to emulate these characteristics in our own lives if we aren’t already.

KEY POINTS

1. Christlike Service Requires A Transformed Nature

serving other people doesn't happen because you are such a great person. It comes because there is a transformed nature in your life. The Bible tells us, “Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come: The old has gone, the new is here!” (2 Corinthians 5:17). God wants this new creation in your life to count for His Kingdom. Therefore if we’re going to serve like Christ, we must first be transformed by Christ.

2. Lifestyle Changes With Daily Transformed Actions

If you are going to change into a servant like God desires, there are certain changes in your lifestyle that will transform all the actions in your life. These include:

- The Christian who serves will be a daily giver.
- The Christian who serves will be a daily forgiver.
- The Christian who serves will be a daily love of mankind.

3. Christlike Service Follows The Example Of The Transformer

If we are really followers of Jesus, we need to look like we are following Him. We should look like the One who has transformed us. If Jesus said that service is the mark of a believer, we need to believe that truth and act on it. God wants us to be men and women like Jesus. If we are following Him, it will be because we have taken on His nature. He has changed us from just wanting to be pleased, into someone who is pleased to serve.

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QUESTIONS TO CONSIDER

1. Are you currently serving in any capacity? If so, how are you serving? If not, what is holding you back from starting?
2. What gifts/talents has God given you that you can use to serve others?
3. When was a time that someone served you and it made an impact on your life? How can this experience motivate you to serve others?
