SERVE SOMEWHERE

BLESS: Week 5
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*"For we are God's workmanship, **created in Christ Jesus to do GOOD WORKS**, which God prepared in advance for us to do." (Ephesians 2:10, NIV84)*

*"Your hands **SHAPED** me and made me." (Job 10:8a, NIV84)*

SPIRITUAL GIFTS
HEART
ABILITIES
PERSONALITY
EXPERIENCES

*"God has given each of you a gift from his great variety of spiritual gifts. **Use them** well **to serve** one another." (1 Peter 4:10, NLT)*

ONE OF MY PRIMARY PURPOSES OF LIFE IS TO SERVE GOD BY SERVING OTHERS!

The Bible calls this "MINISTRY."

*"**Your attitude must be like my own**, for I, the Messiah, did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give my life as a ransom for many."" (Matthew 20:28, The Living Bible)*

Your **SHAPE** shows your ministry.

Your **ATTITUDE** shows your maturity!

HOW TO SERVE LIKE JESUS

1. **SERVING LIKE JESUS MEANS BEING AVAILABLE.**

   "Two blind men were sitting beside the road. When they heard that Jesus was coming that way, they began shouting, "Lord, Son of David, have mercy on us!" "Be quiet!" the crowd yelled at them. But they only shouted louder, "Lord, Son of David, have mercy on us!" When

*Jesus heard them, **he stopped** and called, "What do you want me to do for you?"" (Matthew 20:30–32, NLT)*

*"Never tell your neighbours to wait until tomorrow if you can **help them now**." (Proverbs 3:28, GNB)*

Barriers to Being Available

- **1st Barrier: SELF-CENTERNESS**

  *"Don't be concerned only about **your own interests**. Forget yourselves long enough to lend a helping hand." (Philippians 2:4, GW/MSG)*

- **2nd Barrier: PERFECTIONISM**

  *"If you wait for **perfect conditions**, you will never get anything done." (Ecclesiastes 11:4, The Living Bible)*

2. **SERVING LIKE JESUS MEANS BEING GRATEFUL.**

*"…Jesus looked up and said, "**Father, I thank you** that you have heard me. I knew that you always hear me, but I said this for the benefit of the people standing here, that they may believe that you sent me."" (John 11:41–42, NIV)*

*"**I thank Christ Jesus** our Lord, who has given me strength to do his work. He considered me trustworthy and **appointed me to serve him**," (1 Timothy 1:12, NLT)*

"Serve the LORD with gladness." (Psalm 100:2a, HCSB)

"It is he who saved us and chose us for his holy work not because we deserved it but because that was his plan long before the world began—to show his love and kindness to us through Christ." (2 Timothy 1:9, The Living Bible)

Barriers to Grateful Service

- **1st Barrier: COMPARING & CRITICIZING**

  *"**What right do you have to criticize** someone else's servants? Only their Lord can decide if they are doing right, and the Lord will make sure that they do right." (Romans 14:4, CEV)*

- **2nd Barrier: WRONG MOTIVATIONS**

  *"When you do good deeds, don't try to **show off**. If you do, you won't get a reward from your Father in heaven." (Matthew 6:1, CEV)*

3. **SERVING LIKE JESUS MEANS BEING FAITHFUL.**

*"I have brought you glory on earth by **finishing the work you gave me** to do." (John 17:4, NIV)*

*"The one thing required of such servants is that they **be faithful** to their master." (1 Corinthians 4:2, GNB)*

Barriers to Being Faithful

- **1st Barrier: BUSYNESS**

  *"**Teach us to number each of our days** so that we may grow in wisdom." (Psalm 90:12, GW)*

- **2nd Barrier: SHIRKING**

  *"Remember, **it is sin to know what you ought to do and then not do it**." (James 4:17, NLT)*

*"…Don't hold back. **Throw yourselves into the work of the Master**, confident that nothing you do for him is a waste of time or effort." (1 Corinthians 15:58, MSG)*

*"His master replied, '**Well done, good and faithful servant**! You have been faithful with a few things; I will put you in charge of many things. Come and share your master's happiness!'" (Matthew 25:21, NIV)*

ACTION STEPS

BLESS PROJECT

GET BAPTIZED

HOME Class