

A group of hands of various skin tones (light, medium, and dark brown) are arranged in a circle, with fingers pointing towards the center to form a heart shape. The background is a plain, light-colored wall. The text "WE SERVE" is centered within the heart shape.

WE SERVE

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Why should we serve?

Jesus models it

It helps us thrive

It helps us grow

It helps us love our neighbors

Jesus models it -- John 13:12-17

¹² When Jesus had washed their feet and put on his outer clothing, he reclined again and said to them, “Do you know what I have done for you?”

¹³ You call me Teacher and Lord—and you are speaking rightly, since that is what I am.

¹⁴ So if I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another’s feet.

¹⁵ For I have given you an example, that you also should do just as I have done for you.

¹⁶ “Truly I tell you, a servant is not greater than his master, and a messenger is not greater than the one who sent him.

¹⁷ If you know these things, you are blessed if you do them.

Jesus models it -- Matthew 8:16-17

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Yet he himself bore our sicknesses and he carried our pains; but we in turn regarded him stricken, struck down by God, and afflicted. Isaiah 53:4

Jesus models it -- Mark 1:40-42

⁴⁰ Then a man with leprosy came to him and, on his knees, begged him, “If you are willing, you can make me clean.”

⁴¹ Moved with compassion, Jesus reached out his hand and touched him. “I am willing,” he told him. “Be made clean.”

⁴² Immediately the leprosy left him, and he was made clean.



Jesus models it -- Matthew 20:28

²⁸ just as the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many.”



Jesus models it -- Philippians 2:5-8

⁵ Adopt the same attitude as that of Christ Jesus,


⁶ who, existing in the form of God, did not consider equality with God as something to be exploited.

⁷ Instead he emptied himself by assuming the form of a servant, taking on the likeness of humanity. And when he had come as a man,

⁸ he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death—even to death on a cross.

IT HELPS US THRIVE

Doing Good Can Make You Feel Good. It Might...

- Remind you that you're relatively lucky
 - Make you feel connected to others
 - Help you feel needed and effective
 - Take your mind off your own worries for a while
 - Make you feel generous
 - Add a sense of purpose and meaning to your life
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It helps us grow

Sometimes we get it twisted!

- So and so doesn't DESERVE to have me serve them.
- That person should be serving ME, not vice versa.
- I'll serve them when they start showing some gratitude!

It helps us love our neighbors

¹³You, my brothers and sisters, were called to be free. But do not use your freedom to indulge the flesh; rather, serve one another humbly in love.

¹⁴For the entire law is fulfilled in keeping this one command: “Love your neighbor as yourself.” Galatians 5:13-14

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