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*Antique lettuces in a luscious blend
of colors, textures and flavors.*



*Quick growing, crunchy-sweet, pretty green
young leaves for scrumptious salads & stirfries.*

*Heirloom Italian Kale
Tuscan Baby Leaf*



*Baby Mesclun Lettuces
Cut and Come Again*



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Mark 10:45

“The Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve.”

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Key thought

We need to be rooted, so we can fulfill our role in the body of Christ and serve one another!

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Philippians 2:1-5 (NIV)

Therefore if you have any encouragement from being united with Christ, if any comfort from his love, if any common sharing in the Spirit, if any tenderness and compassion, then make my joy complete by being like-minded, having the same love, being one in spirit and of one mind. Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit. Rather, in humility value others above yourselves, not looking to your own interests but each of you to the interests of the others. In your relationships with one another, have the same mindset as Christ Jesus:

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Philippians 2:1-5 (MSG)

If you've gotten anything at all out of following Christ, if his love has made any difference in your life, if being in a community of the Spirit means anything to you, if you have a heart, if you care— then do me a favor: Agree with each other, love each other, be deep-spirited friends. Don't push your way to the front; don't sweet-talk your way to the top. Put yourself aside, and help others get ahead. Don't be obsessed with getting your own advantage. Forget yourselves long enough to lend a helping hand. Think of yourselves the way Christ Jesus thought of himself.

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Service

- Service is a heart stretching exercise.
- Service is when your heart stretches your hands, and you exhale the life God has given you.

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3 Point Heart Check-up

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1. We are all called to serve

- “For God called you to do good, even if it means suffering, just as Christ did. He is your example, and you must follow in His steps.” - 1 Peter 2:21
- There are no spiritual scrubs.
- Don't mistake your position for your calling.

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Ezekiel 37:4-6

Then he said to me, "Prophecy to these bones and say to them, 'Dry bones, hear the word of the Lord! This is what the Sovereign Lord says to these bones: I will make breath enter you, and you will come to life. I will attach tendons to you and make flesh come upon you and cover you with skin; I will put breath in you, and you will come to life. Then you will know that I am the Lord.' "

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1 Corinthians 12:4-7

There are different kinds of gifts, but the same Spirit distributes them. There are different kinds of service, but the same Lord. There are different kinds of working, but in all of them and in everyone it is the same God at work. Now to each one the manifestation of the Spirit is given for the common good.

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1. We are all called to serve

- You will always feel dead if you keep acting like you are dead.
- "As the body without the spirit is dead, so faith without deeds is dead." - James 2:26 (NIV)

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2. We serve because we are part of the family

- “How much more, then, will the blood of Christ cleanse our consciences from acts that lead to death, so that we may serve the living God!” – Hebrews 9:14
- We don’t serve to gain salvation or to get God’s attention!
- We serve because we love the family.

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“You who are seeking salvation by your good works, what a miserable life yours must be! You toil and toil and toil, but you never get that which you toil after. And you never will. For the Bible clearly says: “It is by grace you have been saved, not by works.” The child of God does not work to be saved. He works because he is saved. The people of God do not serve Him to be forgiven, but because they are forgiven.”

- Charles Spurgeon

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2. We serve because we are part of the family

- We get to serve because the King chose to use us at that moment to do His work.
- “Serve the Lord with gladness.” - Psalm 100:2

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“If two angels were to receive at the same moment a commission from God - one to go down and rule the earth’s greatest empire, the other to go and sweep the streets of its worst village, it would not matter to either angel which place he was assigned. For the joy of the angels lies in serving God.”

- John Newton

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“Self-righteous service requires external rewards. It needs to know that people see & appreciate the effort. It seeks human applause – with proper religious modesty, of course. The flesh whines against service, but screams against hidden service. It strains and pulls for recognition. It will devise subtle means to call attention to the service rendered.”

Richard Foster, *Celebration of Discipline*

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2. We serve because we are part of the family

- The reward of serving is getting to serve.
- True service gives the gift of dignity to the receiver.

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