

Growth Through Stewardship of Talents

1 Peter 4:7-11

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John 4:34 - "Jesus said to them, 'My food is to do the will of him who sent me and to accomplish his work.'"

1 Timothy 4:7 – "Have nothing to do with irreverent, silly myths. Rather train yourself for godliness"

Matthew 25:21 – "His master said to him, 'Well done, good and faithful servant. You have been faithful over a little; I will set you over much. Enter into the joy of your master.'"

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I. Why Serve Others?

1. You will be like Christ.

1 Peter 4:1-2 – "Since therefore Christ suffered in the flesh, arm yourselves with the same way of thinking, for whoever has suffered in the flesh has ceased from sin, so as to live for the rest of the time in the flesh no longer for human passions but for the will of God."

Romans 12:2 – "Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect."

Mark 10:45 – "For even the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many."

2. You will see prayers answered.

1 Peter 4:7 – "The end of all things is at hand; therefore be self-controlled and sober-minded for the sake of your prayers."

James 4:3 – "You ask and do not receive, because you ask wrongly, to spend it on your passions."

1 John 5:14 – "And this is the confidence that we have toward him, that if we ask anything according to his will he hears us."

3. You will see others saved.

1 Peter 4:8 – "Above all, keep loving one another earnestly, since love covers a multitude of sins."

"Say No to self and Yes to Jesus every time." (Bill Borden)

II. How to Serve.

1. Show Hospitality Joyfully

1 Peter 4:9 – "Show hospitality to one another without grumbling."

2. Speak God's Word

1 Peter 4:10-11 – "As each has received a gift, use it to serve one another, as good stewards of God's varied grace: whoever speaks, as one who speaks oracles of God; whoever serves, as one who serves by the strength that God supplies—in order that in everything God may be glorified through Jesus Christ. To him belong glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen."

3. Serve in God's Strength

"God can do more in us and through us in five seconds than we can do in five hours without his help." (John Piper)

1 Peter 4:3 – "For the time that is past suffices for doing what the Gentiles want to do, living in sensuality, passions, drunkenness, orgies, drinking parties, and lawless idolatry."

2 Corinthians 5:15 – "and he died for all, that those who live might no longer live for themselves but for him who for their sake died and was raised."