



The Heart of Service

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Mark 10:43-45, Philippians 2:1-11, Romans 12:1-11

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Love for _____
 _____ love for others

GOSPEL SHAPED IDENTITY

What is a person (meant to be)?

- A _____ by God
- To _____ God in nature, character, desire
- To enjoy _____ and _____ with God

What is a Christian person?

- A person who is _____ from sin by God's grace through the finished work of Christ; restored in their relational standing with God and being transformed in their nature to mirroring God's image, through God's redemptive work in them.

The motivating power in Christian service is God: the love and mercy from Him we've received and the transformation of our own hearts and minds as we grow in love for Him and in our identity in Him.

WHY DO WE SERVE

- For the love of God and God's love for others
- To _____ our hearts to the disciplines that form into God's image (the sails that catch the wind)
- To _____ God; expressing our love, gratitude and desire to follow God
- To _____: to give people an experience of God's goodness, mercy and love for them

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WHERE DO WE SERVE

Start at _____: those God has placed into your care and responsibility.

- Who do you have unique, recurring responsibility for? Who are you uniquely called to care for and minister to?

Your _____ community: how can I be a positive, God-centered source of life, community, prayer, and service in this church family?

Your _____ of _____.

The Gospel _____ **Acts 1:8**

HOW DO WE SERVE

1. _____
2. _____ (Matthew 6:1-4, 6:21 | Corinthians 10:31)
 - With a heart desire to love and serve God
3. With God designed _____ (Romans 12:3-8)
 - 1 Peter 4:10: Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God's grace in its various forms.
4. _____
 - _____: giving our skills and the talents we might otherwise be paid for
 - _____: our scarcest resource
 - _____: sharing what we have, what God has allowed us to possess (money, possessions, food, opportunities and connections).
5. _____:

Matthew 5:14-16: ¹⁴“You are the light of the world. A town built on a hill cannot be hidden. ¹⁵ Neither do people light a lamp and put it under a bowl. Instead they put it on its stand, and it gives light to everyone in the house. ¹⁶ In the same way, let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven.
6. _____ and _____: There is only one Messiah and you are not Him. (2 Corinthians 12:9-10)

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Mark 10:43-45

⁴³ Not so with you. Instead, whoever wants to become great among you must be your servant, ⁴⁴ and whoever wants to be first must be slave of all. ⁴⁵ For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many.”

Philippians 2:1-11

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, ² then make my joy complete by being like-minded, having the same love, being one in spirit and of one mind. ³ Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit. Rather, in humility value others above yourselves, ⁴ not looking to your own interests but each of you to the interests of the others.

⁵ In your relationships with one another, have the same mindset as Christ Jesus:

⁶ Who, being in very nature God,
did not consider equality with God something to be used to his own advantage;

⁷ rather, he made himself nothing
by taking the very nature of a servant,
being made in human likeness.

⁸ And being found in appearance as a man,
he humbled himself
by becoming obedient to death—
even death on a cross!

⁹ Therefore God exalted him to the highest place
and gave him the name that is above every name,

¹⁰ that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow,
in heaven and on earth and under the earth,

¹¹ and every tongue acknowledge that Jesus Christ is Lord,
to the glory of God the Father.

Romans 12:1-21

¹ Therefore, I urge you, brothers and sisters, in view of God’s mercy, to offer your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God—this is your true and proper worship. ² Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God’s will is—his good, pleasing and perfect will.

³ For by the grace given me I say to every one of you: Do not think of yourself more highly than you ought, but rather think of yourself with sober judgment, in accordance with the faith God has distributed to each of you. ⁴ For just as each of us has one body with many members, and these members do not all have the same function, ⁵ so in Christ we, though many, form one body, and each member belongs to all the others. ⁶ We have different gifts, according to the grace given to each of us. If your gift is prophesying, then prophecy in accordance with your faith; ⁷ if it is serving, then serve; if it is teaching, then teach; ⁸ if it is to encourage, then give encouragement; if it is giving, then give generously; if it is to lead, do it diligently; if it is to show mercy, do it cheerfully.

⁹ Love must be sincere. Hate what is evil; cling to what is good. ¹⁰ Be devoted to one another in love. Honor one another above yourselves.

¹¹ Never be lacking in zeal, but keep your spiritual fervor, serving the Lord. ¹² Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, faithful in prayer. ¹³ Share with the Lord’s people who are in need. Practice hospitality.

¹⁴ Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse. ¹⁵ Rejoice with those who rejoice; mourn with those who mourn. ¹⁶ Live in harmony with one another. Do not be proud, but be willing to associate with people of low position. Do not be conceited.

¹⁷ Do not repay anyone evil for evil. Be careful to do what is right in the eyes of everyone. ¹⁸ If it is possible, as far as it depends on you, live at peace with everyone. ¹⁹ Do not take revenge, my dear friends, but leave room for God’s wrath, for it is written: “It is mine to avenge; I will repay,” says the Lord. ²⁰ On the contrary:

“If your enemy is hungry, feed him;
if he is thirsty, give him something to drink.
In doing this, you will heap burning coals on his head.”

²¹ Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.