

2024_5_12 Committed Service



For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared ahead of time for us to do.
Ephesians 2v10 (CSB)

God created you to serve him.

God saved you to serve him.

"A saved heart is one that wants to serve."
Rick Warren

Whatever you do, do it from the heart, as something done for the Lord and not for people, knowing that you will receive the reward of an inheritance from the Lord. You serve the Lord Christ.
Colossians 3v23 (CSB)

God calls you to serve him.

A non-servant Christian is an oxymoron.


But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for his possession, so that you may proclaim the praises of the one who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light.
1 Peter 2v9 (CSB)

He has saved us and called us with a holy calling, not according to our works, but according to his own purpose and grace, which was given to us in Christ Jesus before time began.
1 Timothy 1v9 (CSB)

As apprentices of Jesus, the Holy Spirit transforms us into self-sacrificial servants who love God and others.

"More than any other single way the grace of humility is worked into our lives through the discipline of service... Nothing disciplines the inordinate desires of the flesh like service, but nothing transforms the desires of the flesh like serving in hiddenness. The flesh wines against service but screams against hidden service. It strains and pulls for honor and recognition."
Richard Foster

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 **Servant v Volunteer**

Who you are	What you do
Focused on the people they serve	Focused on the task
Expects no praise or recognition	Expectations of recognition
Others > Self	Self > Others
Willing to flex and adapt	Tends to be less flexible
Committed to the mission	Freedom to leave at any time
Motivated by love	Motivated by obligation

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Jesus called them over and said to them, "You know that those who are regarded as rulers of the Gentiles lord it over them, and those in high positions act as tyrants over them. But it is not so among you. On the contrary, whoever wants to become great among you will be your servant, and whoever wants to be first among you will be a slave to all. 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."
Mark 10:42-45 (CSB)

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Committed Service: We serve one another, our neighbors, and the nations because we see ourselves as Jesus saw himself, a servant of all.

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