

Say Yes!

I Peter 4:10 God has given each of you a gift from his great variety of spiritual gifts. Use them well to serve one another. ¹¹ Do you have the gift of speaking? Then speak as though God himself were speaking through you. Do you have the gift of helping others? Do it with all the strength and energy that God supplies. Then everything you do will bring glory to God through Jesus Christ. All glory and power to him forever and ever! Amen.

Observation:

Do we volunteer or serve ??????

Why serve?

Because "Pew Warming" is not in scripture

"Peter uses the word, *each* which makes it crystal clear that every believer must serve the body. Some Christians act like they are going to the movies. As if to say, "I've paid my entrance fee in the offering box, now I want to sit back and enjoy the show. I hope the pastor's funny this morning. I hope the band plays my favorite hymn, and I really hope the noisy toddlers have someone to look after them on the playground." Cint Archer

Many who attend are "Consumers not contributors" West Huggins

Every believer has something to offer

God has given each of you a gift from his great variety of spiritual gifts

Every believers has been told to serve others

Use them well to serve one another

I Cor 12: 7 A spiritual gift is given to each of us so we can help each other.,

Because saved people serve people

We are created / designed to serve

John 15:16 You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you so that you might go and bear fruit

Eph 2:8-10 For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith—and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God—⁹ not by works, so that no one can boast. ¹⁰ For we are God's handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do.

Because serving has great benefits

Serving builds community

1 Thessalonians 5:11 - Therefore encourage one another and build up one another, just as you also are doing.

Serving has "reach"!!!

Matt 28: Jesus came and told his disciples, "I have been given all authority in heaven and on earth. ¹⁹Therefore, go and make disciples of all the nations,²⁰ baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit.

Close:

Isaiah 6:8, "Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, "Whom shall I send? And who will go for us?" and I said, "Here am I. Send me!"