

# Christianity 101

## (Serving)

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### Why serve?

#### 1. Because Jesus served and told us to!

- “A non-serving Christian is a contradiction in terms.” Rick Warren

**John 13:** <sup>13</sup> You call me Teacher and Lord—and you are speaking rightly, since that is what I am. <sup>14</sup> So if I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another’s feet. <sup>15</sup> For I have given you an example, that you also should do just as I have done for you.

**I John 3:17** If anyone has this world’s goods and sees a fellow believer<sup>a</sup> in need but withholds compassion from him—how does God’s love reside in him?

#### 2. Because saved people serve people

##### We are saved to serve

**John 15:16** You did not choose me, but I chose you. I appointed you to go and produce fruit and that your fruit should remain, so that whatever you ask the Father in my name, he will give you.

**Eph 2:8** For you are saved by grace through faith, and this is not from yourselves; it is God’s gift—<sup>9</sup> not from works, so that no one can boast. <sup>10</sup> For we are his workmanship,

created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared ahead of time for us to do.

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**I Cor 12: 7** A manifestation of the Spirit is given to each person for the common good:

- **Charles Stanley** “As God’s children, we are not to be observers; we’re to participate actively in the Lord’s work. Spectators sit and watch, but we are called to use our spiritual gifts and serve continually.”

### 3. **Because serving has great benefits**

#### **Serving helps build our community**

**1 Thessalonians 5:11** Therefore encourage one another and build each other up as you are already doing.

#### **Serving us "reach"!!!**

**Acts 16: 28** But Paul called out in a loud voice, “Don’t harm yourself, because we’re all here!”

**29** The jailer called for lights, rushed in, and fell down trembling before Paul and Silas. **30** He escorted them out and said, “Sirs, what must I do to be saved?”

## **Serving typically helps us grow!**

**Acts 2:**<sup>44</sup> Now all the believers were together and held all things in common. <sup>45</sup> They sold their possessions and property and distributed the proceeds to all, as any had need.

## **Serving makes us feel better**

Close:

“Instead of asking people where they sit, ask them where they serve”  
Nick Swinford