



How to Develop A Servant's Heart: Equipped For Service

Bible Study Series Part 6

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New Hope Christian Community Church

Based on Dr. Charles F. Stanley's *"Developing a Servant's Heart"*

A dramatic landscape featuring a lone, leafless tree on a grassy hill. The background is dominated by a large, bright, fiery sun or star, casting a warm, orange and yellow glow. The sky is dark with scattered stars and a faint purple nebula-like glow. The overall mood is intense and contemplative.

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A wooden figure is positioned at the bottom center of the frame. Above its head is a grey speech bubble with a black outline, containing a large black question mark. The background is a solid yellow color with a faint, stylized leaf pattern in the upper right corner.

Excuses! Excuses! Excuses

People offer many excuses for not serving others for God. Some say that don't have time, while others say they have other priorities. However, there are two basic reasons at the root of why people don't serve:

The first reason is *pride*. Too often, people do not want to humble themselves to serve. This selfishness is a form of pride - they don't want to be inconvenienced or distracted from what they want to do and when they want to do it.

1 Corinthians 13:4 says, "Love suffers long and is kind; love does not envy, love does not parade itself, is not puffed up."

The second reason is *fear of failure*. Many people feel they don't have anything to give to others or that others will not be open to receiving what they can offer.

2 Timothy 1:7 says, "God has not given us a spirit of fear, but of power and of love and of a sound mind."

A close-up, high-contrast photograph of a man's face, focusing on his eye and ear. The lighting is dramatic, highlighting the texture of his skin and the intensity of his gaze. The background is a solid, muted blue-grey color.

**THE
CONSEQUENCE
OF NOT
SERVING GOD**

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Those who constantly refuse to engage in service
don't understand:



The Heart of God
1 John 4:7



Why We Are Alive
Matthew 5:16



God's Purpose for
the World
Matthew 6:9-10



Created For Service

Service is a part of God's reason for creating us. "We are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand that we should walk in them."
Ephesians 2:10

Our service is an outgrowth of the talents and abilities God has placed in our lives.

God has allowed us to have certain experiences and relationships to bring to any ministry and service.

God's plan that you use what you have been given to the fullest of your abilities.

God's purpose is not to increase you and to prosper you mentally, physically, emotionally, materially and above all, spiritually.

Life Application Questions

- How does selfishness get in the way of serving others?
- How does fear of failure get in the way of serving others?
- How does serving help you understand God's heart?
- How does it help you know your purpose.
- How can serving others bring glory to God.
- What talents and skills has God given you?
- How has serving others given you increase?
- How can I use my own experiences to serve others?