

Series: Service: It's Only Reasonable
Title: *ReThink: A New Volunteer Strategy*
Text: Matthew 20:20-27

Introduction:

Memory Verse

I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service. (Romans 12:1)



Big Idea

A productive volunteer team requires _____ volunteer thinking.

Let's look at four thoughts on volunteer thinking.

I) _____ for Good Volunteer Work.

A. Instead of _____ my position I should serve others through my position.

...the princes...exercise dominion over them...they that are great exercise authority upon them...whosoever will be great among you, let him be your minister. (Matthew 20:25-26)

B. Greatness does not come through authority but through _____.

But it shall not be so among you: but whosoever will be great among you, let him be your minister; And whosoever will be chief among you, let him be your servant. (Matthew 20:26-27)

C. My goal should be service not _____.

II) _____ for Good Volunteer Work.

A. Be _____ to pay the price for volunteering.

...Are ye able to drink of the cup that I shall drink of, and to be baptized with the baptism that I am baptized with? They say unto him, We are able. (Matthew 20:22)

B. Develop a _____ motive for volunteering.

But Jesus called them unto him, and said, Ye know that the princes of the Gentiles exercise dominion over them, and they that are great exercise authority upon them. (Matthew 20:25)

C. Avoid a _____ spirit.

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D. Guard against _____ thinking.

1. Satan was motivated by _____ for a throne.

How art thou fallen from heaven, O Lucifer, son of the morning! how art thou cut down to the ground, which didst weaken the nations! For thou hast said in thine heart, I will ascend into heaven, I will exalt my throne above the stars of God: I will sit also upon the mount of the

congregation, in the sides of the north: I will ascend above the heights of the clouds; I will be like the most High. (Isaiah 14:12-15)

2. Satan offered Jesus a _____.

Again, the devil taketh him up into an exceeding high mountain, and sheweth him all the kingdoms of the world, and the glory of them; And saith unto him, All these things will I give thee, if thou wilt fall down and worship me (Matthew 4:8-9)

III) The _____ of Bad Volunteer Work.

A. Anger _____ in those involved.

And when the ten heard it, they were moved with indignation... (Matthew 20:24)

B. _____ happens among the team.

...they were moved with indignation against the two brethren. (Matthew 20:24)

IV) Bible Examples of _____.

A. Jesus – _____.

Even as the Son of man came not to be ministered unto, but to minister... (Matthew 20:28)

B. Epaphroditus – _____.

Yet I supposed it necessary to send to you Epaphroditus, my brother, and companion in labour, and fellowsoldier, but your messenger, and he that ministered to my wants (Philippians 2:25)

C. Diotrefes – _____.

I wrote unto the church: but Diotrefes, who loveth to have the preeminence among them, receiveth us not. (3 John 9)

Conclusion:

“True greatness is characterized by a readiness to serve rather than rule.” – H.A. Ironside.

Healthy volunteer thinking is the humble attitude of a servant.

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Anytime we volunteer our services it cost something. Join us next week as we discover the cost to volunteer for Jesus.

