



SERVE SOMEONE TODAY

NEXT STEPS - SERVANT



SERVING JESUS IN EVERYDAY LIFE IS POSSIBLE

Practically serving other people is an essential part of being a disciple of Jesus. God desires that all people would be blessed through Jesus. Therefore, we intentionally bless others through our words, gifts, and actions. Everything we have been given is a gift from God to us. It is not only for our own good; we are stewards, entrusted by God with resources and abilities to use for His glory.

Living as a servant is living with Jesus' mindset. He came not to be served, but to serve (Matt. 20:28). Serving isn't just something we're supposed to do, it's who we are. As God's people, we are servants. Jesus is our King, who came to serve and give His life for His people. As we follow our King, we are His servants who obey His command to serve others.

So how can we serve others? This pamphlet is meant to give you some quick, practical ideas on how you can serve others today. Serving God doesn't have to be a grand gesture; we can serve Him by serving others in little, everyday ways. When you approach your life as a servant of the King, big and small acts of service can be done for His glory.

HOW DO I MAKE IT ABOUT JESUS?

It's possible to serve others, wanting to glorify Jesus, but missing the opportunity to make Jesus part of it. Here are a couple ways you can point back to Jesus in your serving.

People are going to thank you for serving them. You can make it about God instead of yourself in the way you respond to their thanks. You can say "you're welcome," of course, but if you leave it at that you miss an opportunity. Your specific wording may change, but you can say something like: "You're welcome. I'm actually not a nice/kind/generous person, but I've been so loved by Jesus I want to share that with others." Or maybe "I have been served so much by Jesus it's my joy to get to serve you." It'll feel awkward at first, but it's a simple way to point people to your Savior, who could be their Savior. It's a simple way to glorify God. And you'll find yourself more naturally speaking about Him!

I'M HAVING TROUBLE THINKING OF WHAT TO ACTUALLY DO...

Here's a list to get you thinking of practical ways you can serve others. Some are noticeable, some are not. But if you approach your life as a servant so much opens up to you. Here are some ideas to get you started:

- * Write a note to someone, expressing your appreciation for them.
- * Send an encouraging text, email, or message to someone.
- * Look someone in the eye and pay them a sincere compliment.
- * Park far away from the store's entrance; leave the good parking for someone else.
- * Take the shopping cart that's wet from the rain; leave the dry one for someone else.
- * Buy someone a coffee or lunch. Bring in some food for your co-workers or a group you're part of.
- * Deliver a meal to someone who'd appreciate not having to worry about dinner tonight.
- * Watch someone's kids so they can get some time alone.
- * Do some work around the house that someone else usually does.
- * Wash someone's car.
- * Do the laundry.
- * Buy a small gift for someone and leave it for them to find.
- * Send a care package to a deployed soldier that you or your family knows. (Or, send a care package to the family left behind.)
- * Bake something (muffins, cookies, etc.) and bring it to your neighbor!
- * Visit an elderly neighbor and ask if you can help them with anything around the house.
- * Ask your child's teacher if you can do anything to help them out. (Extra credit: write them a note thanking them for what they do!)
- * Take someone out for coffee and really listen to their story

- * Volunteer at a nursing home.
- * Host a “get to know you” event at your home to help people in your community get connected.
- * Clean up a park in your neighborhood.
- * Put your cell phone away during a conversation (show them they matter).
- * Bring in your neighbor’s trash cans for them.
- * Pay for someone else in line.
- * Instead of avoiding the person asking for money in front of the store, ask them to come inside with you and buy them something to eat, or something they need.
- * Clean the house of someone who is sick or pregnant.

GOD HAS GIVEN YOU MORE WAYS TO SERVE THAN YOU THINK...AND IT MIGHT ACTUALLY BE FUN...

Try this: Write down a list of all the things you have. Your possessions, skills, education...stuff lying around the house, things in storage... everything! Then pray, asking God: “How can I use this to bless someone? How can I use this to serve? How can I use this to glorify You?” After that - *here’s the important part* - do something! You might even find that you can serve others in ways that are *fun* for you!

These are just some ideas to get you started right now. You might not think these “count” as living on mission - but it is in the small, everyday things that God wants to use us. Being a Servant of the King is an everyday thing. It has to do with our hearts being shaped by Jesus, the only One who deserved to be served...yet the One who served us in the greatest possible way, by giving His life.



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