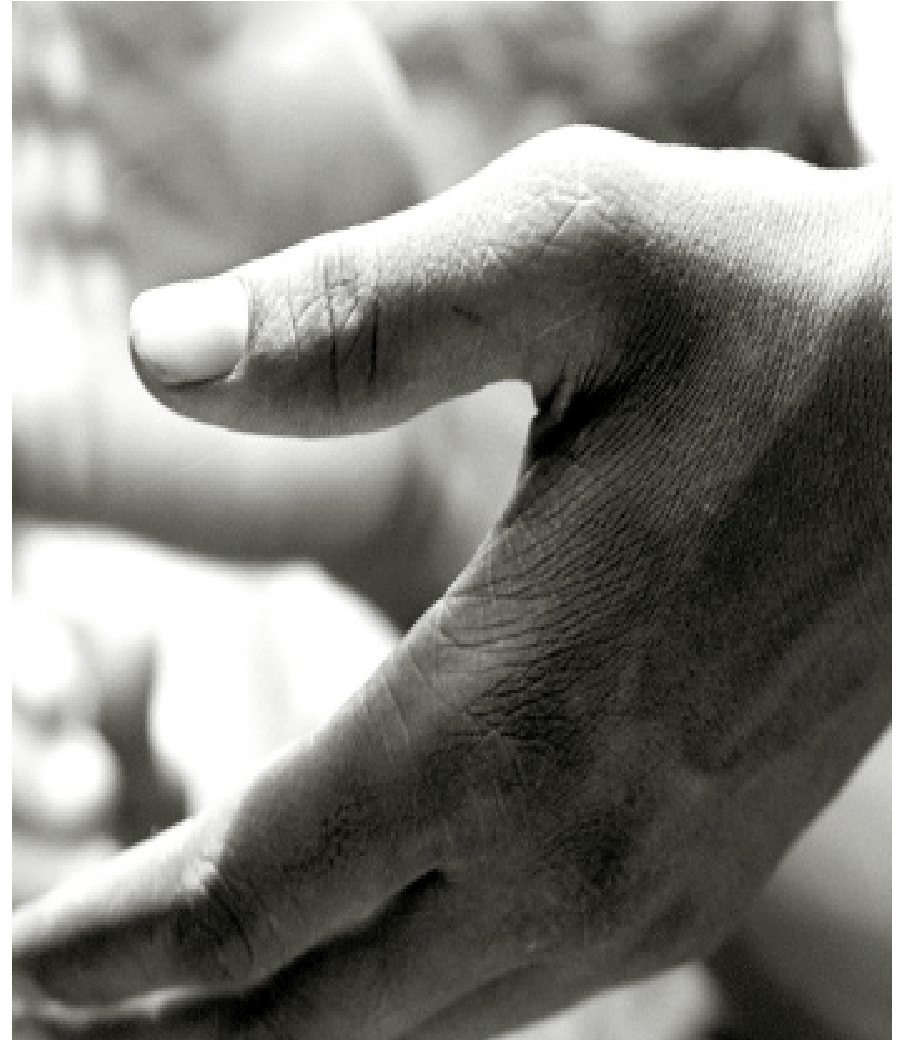


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- What does the word **SERVICE** mean to you?
- What does it mean to serve God?
- What does it mean to serve others?
- Can you serve God by serving others?



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- **Service To God**

- Joshua 22: 5
- Allowing the Lord to use you for His purpose
- Contributing to the work of the Church
- Being dedicated to God with all your heart and soul

- **Service To Others**

- Matthew 25: 31-40
- Ministering to the needs that other people have; giving of yourself to others
- Sharing the Gospel of Christ with other people

The Lord Equips Us For **Service**

- I Corinthians 12: 4-11, 27-30
 - The Spirit gives you a gift and you are expected to use it to Serve God and His people.
- Romans 12: 6-8
 - We all have a gift that can be used for service. Do you recognize and know your GIFT? What has the Lord especially equipped you to do?
 - How do you know what your gift is? Your gift is what you do well and can contribute to the Lord's purposes here on Earth.

*Are you using **your gift** to **serve**
the Lord and His people? If so,
GREAT! If not, why not?*

*What are some of the reasons
why people don't use their
gift to serve the Lord and others?*

*Have you ever thought about what the
Church or the World would be like if
nobody served?*

Jesus Gives Us An Example Of **SERVICE**

- Matthew 4: 23-25
 - Jesus was:
 - TEACHING
 - PREACHING
 - HEALING
 - ENCOURAGING OTHERS.
 - HIS VERY PRESENCE WAS GIVING PEOPLE HOPE.
 - Jesus truly lived a life of **service**. As our ultimate Example, what is Jesus saying to us about the importance of serving others?



*Just a Few Ways You Can **Serve** God and Others...*

- Helping the elderly
- Mentoring or assisting children
- Teaching Sunday School
- Serving in the Church
- Showing love to a family who has lost a loved one
- Visiting or calling someone who is sick
- Making a donation to charity
- Volunteering your time for a good cause
- There are literally thousands of ways that you can serve God and your neighbor!

Service to Others is Fulfilling



Jesus Washes the Disciples' Feet

- John 13: 1-5, 12-16
 - Jesus, who is also called Teacher, instructs His disciples on the importance of **humility and service** by washing their feet
 - As He usually does when teaching, Jesus uses an example that His disciples most certainly will never forget. He actually washes their feet! He is making a strong statement by showing extreme humility. He is *LORD*...and yet, He is **humble** enough to wash His disciples' feet
 - We, too, should serve each other with humility. **Service** is hard work. One should forget about their own selfish ambition when serving. It's all about being genuine and humble in addressing the needs of others

Your Reward

- Matthew 6: 1-4
 - Your reward for service should not be expected to come from man; rather it is God who will reward you in Heaven
 - Do not seek attention or recognition for your acts of righteousness and service
 - Serve humbly and quietly

How will you now use your talents and abilities to serve God and mankind?