

The Word on Serving

"Greater love has no one than this, that someone lay down his life for his friends." - Jn 15:13, ESV

"For you, brothers, were called to freedom; but do not use your freedom as an opportunity for the flesh. Rather, serve one another in love. The entire law is fulfilled in a single decree: "Love your neighbor as yourself." - **Gal 5:13-14, BSB**

"By this we know what love is: Jesus laid down His life for us, and we ought to lay down our lives for our brothers. If anyone with earthly possessions sees his brother in need, but withholds his compassion from him, how can the love of God abide in him? Little children, let us love not in word and speech, but in action and truth." - **1 Jn 3:16-18, BSB**

"Bear one another's burdens, and so fulfill the law of Christ." - **Gal 6:2, ESV**

"In all things I have shown you that by working hard in this way we must help the weak and remember the words of the Lord Jesus, how he himself said, 'It is more blessed to give than to receive.'" - **Acts 20:35, ESV**

"We who are strong have an obligation to bear with the failings of the weak, and not to please ourselves." - **Rm 15:1, ESV**

"Give to the one who begs from you, and do not refuse the one who would borrow from you." - **Mt 5:42, ESV**

"Let the thief no longer steal, but rather let him labor, doing honest work with his own hands, so that he may have something to share with anyone in need." - **Eph 4:28, ESV**

"...our great God and Savior Jesus Christ, who gave himself for us to redeem us from all lawlessness and to purify for himself a people for his own possession who are zealous for good works." - **Ti 2:13b-14, ESV**

"Beloved, let us love one another, for love is from God, and whoever loves has been born of God and knows God." - **1 Jn 4:7a, ESV**

"A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another: just as I have loved you, you also are to love one another. By this all people will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another." - **Jn 13:34-35, ESV**

"learn to do good; seek justice, correct oppression; bring justice to the fatherless, plead the widow's cause." - **Is 1:17, ESV**

"Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God's grace in its various forms." - **1 Ptr 4:10, NIV**

"A righteous man knows the rights of the poor; a wicked man does not understand such knowledge." - **Prov 29:7, ESV**

"If anyone wants to be first, he must be last of all and servant of all." - **Mrk 9:35b, CSB**

"If you pour yourself out for the hungry and satisfy the desire of the afflicted, then shall your light rise in the darkness and your gloom be as the noonday." - **Is 58:10, ESV**

"For there will never cease to be poor in the land. Therefore I command you, 'You shall open wide your hand to your brother, to the needy and to the poor, in your land.'" - **Deut 15:11, ESV**

"Religion that is pure and undefiled before God the Father is this: to visit orphans and widows in their affliction, and to keep oneself unstained from the world." - **Jms 1:27, ESV**

"Love one another with brotherly affection. Outdo one another in showing honor... Share with the saints who are in need. Practice hospitality. Bless those who persecute you. Bless and do not curse." - **Rm 12:10-13, BSB**

"Sell your possessions, and give to the needy. Provide yourselves with moneybags that do not grow old, with a treasure in the heavens that does not fail, where no thief approaches and no moth destroys. For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also." - **Lk 12:33-34, ESV**

"And the crowds asked him, 'What then shall we do?' And he answered them, 'Whoever has two tunics is to share with him who has none, and whoever has food is to do likewise.'" - **Lk 3:10-11, ESV**

"And all who believed were together and had all things in common. And they were selling their possessions and belongings and distributing the proceeds to all, as any had need." - **Acts 2:44-45, ESV**

"The King will reply, 'Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me...' ..."He will reply, 'Truly I tell you, whatever you did not do for one of the least of these, you did not do for me.'" - **Mt 25:40, NIV**

"Blessed is the one who considers the poor! In the day of trouble the LORD delivers him; the LORD protects him and keeps him alive; he is called blessed in the land; you do not give him up to the will of his enemies. The LORD sustains him on his sickbed; in his illness you restore him to full health." - **Ps 41:1-3, ESV**



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"For even the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many."

- Mrk 10:45, ESV

"And Jesus called them to him and said to them, "You know that those who are considered rulers of the Gentiles lord it over them, and their great ones exercise authority over them. But it shall not be so among you. But whoever would be great among you must be your servant, and whoever would be first among you must be slave of all." - **Mrk 10:42-44, ESV**

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"For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them." - **Eph 2:10, ESV**

"The saying is trustworthy, and I want you to insist on these things, so that those who have believed in God may be careful to devote themselves to good works. These things are excellent and profitable for people." - **Ti 3:8, ESV**

"And he gave the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, the shepherds and teachers, to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ, until we all attain to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to mature manhood, to the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ," - **Eph 4:11-13, ESV**

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"and he died for all, that those who live might no longer live for themselves but for him who for their sake died and was raised." - **2 Cor 5:15, ESV**

"If among you, one of your brothers should become poor, in any of your towns within your land that the LORD your God is giving you, you shall not harden your heart or shut your hand against your poor brother, but you shall open your hand to him and lend him sufficient for his need, whatever it may be." - **Deut 15:7-8, ESV**

"Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God." - **Heb 13:16, ESV**

"Open your mouth for the mute, for the rights of all who are destitute. Open your mouth, judge righteously, defend the rights of the poor and needy." - **Prov 31:8-9, ESV**

"Whoever oppresses a poor man insults his Maker, but he who is generous to the needy honors him." - **Prov 14:31, ESV**

"Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility count others more significant than yourselves. Let each of you look not only to his own interests, but also to the interests of others. Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, but emptied himself, by taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men. And being found in human form, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. Therefore God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father." - **Phil 2:3-11, ESV**

"If you love those who love you, what benefit is that to you? For even sinners love those who love them. And if you do good to those who do good to you, what benefit is that to you? For even sinners do the same. And if you lend to those from whom you expect to receive, what credit is that to you? Even sinners lend to sinners, to get back the same amount. But love your enemies, and do good, and lend, expecting nothing in return, and your reward will be great, and you will be sons of the Most High, for he is kind to the ungrateful and the evil. Be merciful, even as your Father is merciful." - **Lk 6:32-36, ESV**

"Whoever is generous to the poor lends to the Lord, and he will repay him for his deed." - **Prov 19:17, ESV**

"Is this not the fast that I have chosen: To loose the bonds of wickedness, To undo the heavy burdens, To let the oppressed go free, And that you break every yoke? Is it not to share your bread with the hungry, And that you bring to your house the poor who are cast out; When you see the naked, that you cover him, And not hide yourself from your own flesh?" - **Is 58:6-7, NKJV**

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Wisdom on Serving

"You can always give without loving, but you can never love without giving." - Amy Carmichael

"We have to humble ourselves and the way you do that is by serving other people." - **Tim Tebow**

"We can't help everyone, but everyone can help someone."
- **Ronald Reagan**

"Life's most persistent and urgent question is, 'What are you doing for others?'" - **Martin Luther King, Jr.**

"You have not lived today until you have done something for someone who can never repay you."
- **John Bunyan**

"Only a life lived for others is a life worthwhile."
- **Albert Einstein**

"Those who are happiest are those who do the most for others." - **Booker T. Washington**

"I shall pass through this world but once. Any good thing therefore that I can do, or any kindness that I can show to any human being, let me do it now. Let me not defer it or neglect it, for I shall not pass this way again."
- **Henry Drummond**

"The first question which the priest and the Levite asked was: 'If I stop to help this man, what will happen to me?' But the good Samaritan reversed the question: 'If I do not stop to help this man, what will happen to him?'"
- **Martin Luther King Jr.**

"True Christianity is a life of sacrifice. It requires that in everything we live for the Lord and others, not ourselves."
- **Rick Joyner**

"You are as much serving God in looking after your own children, & training them up in God's fear, & minding the house, & making your household a church for God, as you would be if you had been called to lead an army to battle for the Lord of hosts." - **C.H. Spurgeon**

"Whenever you serve others in any way, you are actually serving God." - **Rick Warren**

"God so identified with the poor that their cries express divine pain. The Bible teaches us that our treatment of them equals our treatment of God." - **John Calvin**

"The poor are Jesus in disguise." - **Mother Teresa**

"Every time we deny ourselves in order to serve someone else, we grow in Christ." - **David Jeremiah**

"We make a living by what we get, but we make a life by what we give." - **Winston Churchill**

"A servant leaders goal is not to draw a following that results in a crowd but to develop leaders who become a movement." - **John Maxwell**

"Everybody can be great...because anybody can serve. You don't have to have a college degree to serve. You don't have to make your subject and verb agree to serve. You only need a heart full of grace. A soul generated by love."
- **Martin Luther King, Jr.**

"The highest form of worship is the worship of unselfish Christian service. The greatest form of praise is the sound of consecrated feet seeking out the lost and helpless."
- **Billy Graham**

"I believe that many professing Christians are cold and uncomfortable because they are doing nothing for their Lord; but if they actively served him, their blood would begin to circulate spiritually, and it would be well with them."
- **C.H. Spurgeon**

"Harmony is produced in ministry when everyone seeks to be a servant." - **Elizabeth George**

"The true character of ministry is a servants heart."
- **Harold Warner**

"Faithful servants never retire. You can retire from your career, but you will never retire from serving God."
- **Rick Warren**

"The world's idea of greatness is to rule, but Christian greatness consists in serving." - **John Charles Ryle**

"This life will soon be past, only what we do for Christ will last." - **C.T. Studd**

"Not all of us can do great things. But we can do small things with great love." - **Mother Teresa**

"He is no fool who gives what he cannot keep to gain what he cannot lose." - **Jim Elliot**
(Read Mt 6:19-21).

