

THE MEANING AND VALUE OF SERVICE

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INTRODUCTION

- The Benefits of being a Christian
- **We gain so much when we give our lives to Jesus.**
- We receive a new life, peace, family, faith, hope, joy and forgiveness.
- **But it's easy to focus on what we receive, and forget what we are called to give.**
- Even more important, we can forget who we are to become!

THE CALL TO SERVE

- Scripture teaches us to share our homes, possessions, fellowship, and ourselves.
- **Christian service is an essential part of the Christian walk.**
- At the heart of our faith is service.

Mark 10:45 - 'For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve...'

WHAT HAPPENS WHEN WE SERVE?

- We step into the very character of Christ.
- **We become vessels of His love in action.**
- Today, we will explore what it truly means to **SERVE**.

WHAT DOES IT MEAN TO SERVE?

Sacrifice

Empower

Reflect Christ

Value Others

Eternal Impact

SACRIFICE (S.E.R.V.E)

Romans 12:1 – Present your bodies a living sacrifice.

- Service is not always convenient; it requires sacrifice.
- **It may mean giving up comfort, time, or resources.**
- Jesus made the ultimate sacrifice on the cross.

Application: It takes more dying to self to be a living sacrifice than a dead one!

EMPOWER (S.E.R.V.E)

Hebrews 10:24 – Stir up love and good works.

- Service empowers and uplifts others.
- **Acts of service should strengthen others.**
- Ask: Does my service make others stronger?

Application: Your service should positively impact others.

REFLECT CHRIST (S.E.R.V.E) pt1.

John 13:14–15 – Wash one another's feet.

- Serving others is imitating Jesus.
- **To serve like Jesus, we must become like Jesus did.**
- When we serve, people see Christ in us.

REFLECT CHRIST (S.E.R.V.E) pt2.

Philippians 2:8 – He humbled Himself and became obedient to death.

- Jesus humbled Himself and became a servant.
- **Service reflects humility and love.**

Application: Let Christ live in you and through you!

VALUE OTHERS (S.E.R.V.E)

Philippians 2:3–4 – Esteem others better than yourself.

- Serving means putting others first.
- **We value others with time, attention, and care.**
- Humility is the posture of service.

Application: Christian service will cost you something – even your old life!

ETERNAL IMPACT (S.E.R.V.E)

Matthew 25:21 – Well done, good and faithful servant.

- Service has eternal rewards.
- **God measures greatness by faithfulness, not status.**
- Every act of service counts in eternity.

Application: Eternal life with Jesus is the reward for service – so serve well.

CONCLUSION & APPLICATION

To **S.E.R.V.E** is to **Sacrifice, Empower, Reflect Christ, Value Others**, and live for **Eternal Impact**.

- Service is about posture, not position; testimony, not titles.
- **Every act of service declares: Jesus is Lord of my life.**

FOLLOWING JESUS' EXAMPLE

- When we serve, we follow in the footsteps of Christ.

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REFLECTIVE QUESTIONS

- **Where can I serve?**
- **Who can I serve?**
- **How can my service glorify God?**

FINAL REMINDER

- What may seem small on earth echoes loudly in eternity.
- God measures greatness by faithfulness, not status.

**Matthew 25:21 – 'Well done, good and faithful servant...
Enter into the joy of your Lord.'**

