



Humble Service

Caring for Others Like Jesus Does

Service walks hand in hand with love; it is impossible to truly love someone without serving them. Christ lived a life devoted to service, even to the point of washing His disciples' feet and dying for sinful people. He calls us to live sacrificially like He did. This means that we must serve regularly and faithfully. We serve from a heart that understands how Jesus served us. We serve in the areas of our spiritual gifting so we can forward the mission of the church. The way we serve and love others reflects on the way we love and serve God.

Indicators of Growth:

1. **Humility** - minimizes arrogance and removes pride. It is understanding our fallen nature and tendency to think we are better than we are, and our striving to lift ourselves above others and even God. It is admitting that others, and more importantly God are part of every achievement we experience. Humility enables us to be teachable and willing to have the attitude of submission and servanthood. When this happens we can freely confess our sins, remember how Christ served us, and respond by serving others. (Luke 22:27; Philippians 2:8; 1 Peter 5:3-5)
2. **Generosity** - allows us to give to others because God has given abundantly to us. It is the wise use of stewardship and the attitude that all we have is a gift from God. We are caretakers of God's good gifts. (Deuteronomy 16:17; Matthew 10:8)
3. **Compassion** - lets us feel the pain and plight of others. It will enable us to convey a deep feeling of love and concern that moves us to help and serve others in their distress, struggles, and times of need. (Job 29:13; Isaiah 40:11; Mark 1:41; Luke 19:4; 1 Peter 3:8)
4. **Availability** - willingness to adjust our own schedule, agenda, and plans to fit the desires of God and the needs of others. It makes personal priorities secondary to the needs of God and the people He loves. It is to reflect God's priorities so we are always available to bless Him and others when we are serving. (Mark 1:17-18; Acts 16:10)

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5. **Servant Leadership** - exercising real godly leadership as Christ did, by His taking a towel, influencing, equipping, and empowering people to accomplish God's purpose and plan. (Luke 22:26)

Ideas for Action to Grow in Humble Service:

1. Make specific acts of service part of your normal day or week at church and at home.
2. Celebrate and recognize the faithful service of others by thanking them with a text, a note, or a face-to-face word of encouragement.
3. Take a 10-minute mission trip when you walk around your community. Look for fun ways to serve others. Be anonymous when you can.
4. Experiment with new ways to serve. Be creative and try serving in a way you never have before. If you need ideas, talk with a leader at your church and ask if there are places you could try serving.
5. Determine what "foot washing" looks like in different settings and seek to do the lowest and most humble kind of service - really stretch yourself in this!
6. Take a Spiritual Gifts Class and/or assessment and discover your God-given gifting. Then, find a way to use this gift at church, in your home, or in the community.
7. Go on a Mission Trip.
8. Sign-up for a service project in your community and be sure to pray for opportunities to share the love and grace of Jesus with those you serve and the people you serve with.

Resources for Growth in Humble Service:

Organic Disciples Resources:

1. [Organic Disciples, Seven Ways to Grow Spiritually and Naturally Share Jesus](#) (The Book), Part 4 (Chapters 13-15) on Humble Service, Pages 135-169.
2. [Organic Disciples, Seven Ways to Grow Spiritually and Naturally Share Jesus \(Study Guide\)](#), on Humble Service, Pages 59-75.
3. [Organic Disciples, Free Online Video Teaching - Humble Service](#)
4. Organic Outreach International website, www.OrganicOutreach.org

Books/Articles:

1. Anderson, Leith and Jill Fox [Volunteering: A Guide to Serving in the Body of Christ](#)
2. Bugbee, Bruce [What You Do Best in the Body of Christ: Discover Your Spiritual Gifts, Personal Style, and God-Given Passion](#)
3. Corbett, Steve, Brian Fikkert, & John Perkins [When Helping Hurts: How to Alleviate Poverty Without Hurting the Poor...and Yourself.](#)
4. Davis, Marshall & Brother Lawrence [The Practice of the Presence of God in Modern English](#)
5. Goff, Bob [Love Does: Discover a Secretly Incredible Life in an Ordinary World](#)
6. Harney, Kevin G. "Chapter 11: The Seismic Shift from Served to Serving" [Seismic Shifts: The Little Changes that Make a Big Difference in Your Life](#)

7. Keller, Timothy [*Every Good Endeavor: Connecting Your Work to God's Work*](#)
8. McPherson, Miles [*DO Something!: Make Your Life Count*](#)
9. Sauder, Doug [*The One Factor: How One Changes Everything*](#)
10. Sears, Andrew ["Website Enables Virtual Volunteering and Virtual Missionaries"](#)
Christian News Wire, 13 March 2019
11. Stearns, Richard [*The Hole in Our Gospel: What Does God Expect of Us? The Answer that Changed My Life and Might Just Change the World*](#)
12. Sebastian Traeger and Greg Gilbert [*The Gospel at Work*](#)
13. Rob Wegner and Bryan Phipps [*Find Your Place: Locating Your Calling Through Your Gifts, Passions, and Story*](#)

Websites/Sermons/Podcasts/Bible Studies:

1. [*Everyday Words 4-Part Video Series*](#), RightNow Media
2. ["Meeting Jesus: The Suffering Servant Son of God"](#) Shoreline Church, Pastor Shawn Stroud, 5 May 2019
3. ["Metrics... Measurements that Matter: Humble Service"](#) Shoreline Church, Pastor Kevin Harney, 4 March 2018

Resources for Kids:

1. Goff, Bob [*Love Does for Kids*](#)