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Why Church: To Serve

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For many people, serving is an absolute joy; primarily because it makes us feel like we are making a difference in something that matters to us. However, genuine serving does not start until the feelings fade and the foundational principles begin. Many people serve up to the level of their tolerance, cheating themselves and others out of the potential possibilities of connecting, growing, sharing, and magnifying God.

Many look at serving as a demeaning position, however, if done correctly it is quite the opposite. Serving is designed to connect people to accomplish together what they could not do alone...To grow in the process as challenges arise in sharing gifts and ideas; thus magnifying God through collective efforts.

Servants are the greatest among us.

Matthew 23:11-12 (Living Bible, TLB)

11 "The more lowly your service to others, the greater you are. To be the greatest, be a servant. 12 But those who think themselves great shall be disappointed and humbled; and those who humble themselves shall be exalted.

Matthew 23:11-12 (Amplified Bible, AMP)

11 He who is greatest among you shall be your servant. 12 Whoever exalts himself [with haughtiness and empty pride] shall be humbled (brought low), and whoever humbles himself [whoever has a modest opinion of himself and behaves accordingly] shall be raised to honor.

What is a Servant?

- **Word Origin: from diakonos**
- **Definition: to serve, minister**

- **NASB Translation**
- **administered (1), administration (1), cared (1), contributing...support (1), do...the serving (1), employ...in serving (1), minister (3), ministered (2), ministering (3), servant (1), serve (4), serve as deacons (1), served (2), served as deacons (1), serves (5), services...rendered (1), serving (4), take care (1), wait (1), waited (3).**
- **One who has been given responsibility over another's... property, family, vision.**

Two Types of Servants

Matthew 25:14-30 (New Living Translation, NLT)

14 “Again, the Kingdom of Heaven can be illustrated by the story of a man going on a long trip. **He called together his servants and entrusted** his money to them while he was gone. 15 He gave five bags of silver to one, two bags of silver to another, and one bag of silver to the last—dividing it in proportion to their abilities. He then left on his trip. 16 “The servant who received the five bags of silver began to invest the money and earned five more. 17 The servant with two bags of silver also went to work and earned two more. 18 But the servant who received the one bag of silver dug a hole in the ground and hid the master’s money. 19 “After a long time their master returned from his trip and called them to give an account of how they had used his money. 20 The servant to whom he had entrusted the five bags of silver came forward with five more and said, ‘Master, you gave me five bags of silver to invest, and I have earned five more.’ 21 “The master was full of praise. **‘Well done, my good and faithful servant.** You have been faithful in handling this small amount, so now I will give you many more responsibilities. Let’s celebrate together!’ 22 “The servant who had received the two bags of silver came forward and said, ‘Master, you gave me two bags of silver to invest, and I have earned two more.’ 23 “The master said, **‘Well done, my good and faithful servant.** You have been faithful in handling this small amount, so now I will give you many more responsibilities. Let’s celebrate together!’ 24 “Then the servant with the one bag of silver came and said, ‘Master, I knew you were a harsh man, harvesting crops you didn’t plant and gathering crops you didn’t cultivate. 25 I was afraid I would lose your money, so I hid it in the earth. Look, here is your money back.’ 26 “But the master replied, **‘You wicked and lazy servant!** If you knew I harvested crops I didn’t plant and gathered crops I didn’t cultivate, 27 why didn’t you deposit my money in the bank? At least I could have gotten some interest on it.’ 28 “Then he ordered, **‘Take the money from this servant, and give it to the one with the ten bags of silver. 29 To those who use well what they are given, even more will be given, and they will have an abundance. But from those who do nothing, even what little they have will be taken away.** 30 Now throw this useless servant into outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.’

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- **You should know why you are serving.**

Mark 10:35-45 (The Message, MSG)

35 James and John, Zebedee’s sons, came up to him. “Teacher, we have something we want you to do for us.” 36 “What is it? I’ll see what I can do.” 37 “Arrange it,” they said, “so that we will be

awarded the highest places of honor in your glory—one of us at your right, the other at your left.”
38 Jesus said, “You have no idea what you’re asking. Are you capable of drinking the cup I drink, of being baptized in the baptism I’m about to be plunged into?” 39-40 “Sure,” they said. “Why not?”
Jesus said, “Come to think of it, you will drink the cup I drink, and be baptized in my baptism. But as to awarding places of honor, that’s not my business. There are other arrangements for that.”
41-45 When the other ten heard of this conversation, they lost their tempers with James and John. Jesus got them together to settle things down. “You’ve observed how godless rulers throw their weight around,” he said, “and when people get a little power how quickly it goes to their heads. It’s not going to be that way with you. Whoever wants to be great must become a servant. Whoever wants to be first among you must be your slave. That is what the Son of Man has done: **He came to serve, not to be served—and then to give away his life in exchange for many who are held hostage.**”

➤ **How we should serve**

Ephesians 6:6-8 (New International Version, NIV)

6 Obey them not only to win their favor when their eye is on you, but as slaves of Christ, doing the will of God from your heart. 7 **Serve wholeheartedly, as if you were serving the Lord, not people,** 8 **because you know that the Lord will reward each one for whatever good they do, whether they are slave or free.**

It is important to know how you should serve.

- **Serving in fear will not yield increase in any area of your life.**
- **Serving in faith will position you for increase and abundance.**