

Serving

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I. Introduction.

- A. No one is perfect. (2 Corinthians 4:1)
- B. Being a servant holds no attraction.
- C. The only way to serve God is by serving people. (Mark 10:42-45)
- D. Serving is whatever will help you to grow, live and solve problems. (Matthew 25:34-43; Isaiah 32:2)

II. Jesus should be an example for our attitudes (Philippians 2:5; 1 John 4:17)

- A. The servant is the greatest. (Luke 12:37)
- B. Jesus took the nature of a servant on. (John 13:4-5; Philippians 2:6-7)
- C. The harm is seeking to or expecting to be ministered to.
- D. Real joy comes from serving.

III. Attitudes of serving

- A. Willing. (Exodus 35:36)
- B. Cheerful, not begrudging. (1 Peter 4:9; 2 Corinthians 9:7; Psalm 100:2)
- C. Generous. (2 Corinthians 8:5; Luke 17:10)
- D. Unselfishness. (Philippians 2:3-4)
- E. Humility. (1 Peter 5:5; Matthew 6:1; Acts 28:3)
- F. Flexibility. (Mark 6:36-37)
- G. Being available.
- H. Love. (Galatians 5:13; 1 Corinthians 13)

IV. Serving Jesus through our fellow man is vital to maturity. (Colossians 3:23)

Application questions:

1. When have you found joy from serving?

2. Which attitude of serving do you need to grow in the most?

3. What are some unique opportunities to serve in your circles?
