



LAUNCHING YOUR FAITH **FAITH ALIVE IN THE 21ST CENTURY**

LESSON 9 **SERVICE IN MY HOME CHURCH**

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*We serve because we
LOVE Him...*



***We're grateful to be in
His family so
we EACH have a part***



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***EVERY* PERSON**
INVOLVEMENT.

I. THE HEART OF SERVICE

**1. God called us to service
from the beginning.**

Genesis 2:15

**Then the LORD God took
the man and put him in the
garden of Eden
to tend and keep it.**

2. Our service brings glory to God

Romans 12:1

**...present your bodies a living
sacrifice, holy, acceptable to
God, which is
*your reasonable service.***

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1 Cor 6:19-20

...your body is the temple of the Holy Spirit who is in you, whom you have from God, and you are not your own? ... you were bought at a price; therefore, glorify God in your body and in your spirit, which are God's.

3. Christianity vs. SELF

Matthew 20:27 (KJV)

***Whosoever will be chief
among you, let him be your
servant.***

3. Christianity vs. SELF

God owns us

Luke 12:34

***where your treasure
is, there your heart
will be also.***

A servant's heart says,
***“SERVICE IS VALUABLE AND
WORTH MY TIME!”***

A grateful heart moves from
an **OBSERVING HEART** *and*
BEING served, to one who
LOVES JESUS, loves the
FAMILY and ***WANTS*** to serve.

Isaiah 55:8-9

"For My thoughts are not your thoughts, Nor are your ways My ways," says the LORD. "For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are My ways higher than your ways, And My thoughts than your thoughts."

II. JESUS IS
THE PATTERN SERVANT

Philippians 2:5-8a

***Let this mind be in you which
was also in Christ
Jesus...who...made Himself of
no reputation, taking the form of
a servant, and coming in the
likeness of men, and being found
in appearance as a man,
He humbled Himself.***

1. Jesus chose humility.

Matthew 12:16-18a He warned them not to make Him known [He abhorred fame and recognition], that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by Isaiah the prophet, saying: “Behold, My Servant whom I have chosen.”

1 Peter 5:5b-6 All of you be submissive to one another, and be clothed with humility, for “God resists the proud, but gives grace to the humble.” Therefore, humble yourselves under the mighty hand of God, that He may exalt you in due time.

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Isaiah 57:15b I dwell in the high and holy place, with him who has a contrite and humble spirit.

Mark 9:35b *If anyone desires to be first, he shall be last of all and servant of all*

Luke 22:42b *Nevertheless not My will, but Yours, be done.*

**Jesus' service proved His love
and friendship to us, like we
should for Him and each other.**

John 15:13

***Greater love has no one than this,
than to lay down one's life for
his friends.***

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**Service is our way of life
and helps *prove our faith.***

James 2:15-16,26

If a brother or sister is naked and destitute of daily food, and one of you says to them, "Depart in peace, be warmed and filled," but you do not give them the things which are needed for the body, what does it profit? For as the body without the spirit is dead, so faith without works is dead, also.

**To eat *spiritual* food, we
should *naturally* serve.**

2 Thes 3:10b

***If anyone will not work,
neither shall he eat***

2. Choose opportunities to serve

(1) In a family...

(2) EPI—EVERY PERSON INVOLVEMENT

***Everyone* in God's family needs to be involved in service, have a job to do for their own sense of value.**

III. WHY SHOULD I SERVE?

1. To develop a servant's heart.

Philippians 2:5,7

***Let this mind be in you which
was also in Christ Jesus . . .
who . . . made Himself of
no reputation,
taking the form of a servant.***

2. To grow closer to others in the church

3. To recognize and develop leadership potential

Proverbs 18:16: A man's gift makes room for him, and brings him before great men.

To recognize the call, anointing on and giftings in someone, we need to be able to see the servant's heart at work.

3. To recognize and develop leadership potential

Luke 22:26 (Living) But among you, the one who serves you best will be your leader.

Matthew 23:11 But he who is greatest among you shall be your servant.

Matthew 20:25-28

But Jesus called them to Himself and said, "You know that the rulers of the Gentiles lord it over them, and those who are great exercise authority over them. Yet it shall not be so among you; but whoever desires to become great among you, let him be your servant. And whoever desires to be first among you, let him be your slave — just as the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give His life a ransom for many.

1 Corinthians 15:46

However, the spiritual is not first, but the natural, and afterward the spiritual.

4. Opportunity to train in natural and spiritual skills.

5. To get the job done.

IV. HOW SHOULD I SERVE?

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1. With **love** and good will

Galatians 5:13

...through love serve one another.

Ephesians 6:7

With good will doing service, as to the Lord, and not to men.

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2. With faithfulness.

Luke 17:10

When you have done all those things which you are commanded, say "We are unprofitable servants. We have done what was our duty to do."

IV. HOW SHOULD I SERVE?

*You've been blessed because
others have served to bless you.
Now your service
blesses them in return.*

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3. With commitment, to tangibly demonstrate your servant's heart

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IV. HOW SHOULD I SERVE?

Romans 12:1:

Present your body a living sacrifice

***Here I am, Lord; I yield to You
to serve.***

**Godly service helps transform
your mind into thinking
like Jesus!**

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1. You're identified with **Jesus**

John 15:19-21 If you were of the world, the world would love its own. Yet because you are not of the world, but I chose you out of the world, therefore the world hates you. Remember the word that I said to you, A servant is not greater than his master." If they persecuted Me, they will also persecute you...

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2. You will enjoy being a part of Jesus' family.

John 12:26 If anyone serves Me, let him follow Me; and where I am, there My servant will be also. If anyone serves Me, him My Father will honor.

Galatians 4:7 Therefore you are no longer a slave [KJV = servant] but a son, and if a son, then an heir of God through Christ.

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***ALL ARE TO HAVE
A SERVANT'S HEART.***

- **Are you grateful for Jesus?**
- **Have you received His love?**
- **Are you wholly His?**

If yes, then you will want to show Him your love in return, and be the servant He wants you to be.



And that's how to have the Heart of Service in your Home Church

Philippians 3:12b

***I press on, that I may lay hold of that
for which Christ Jesus has also laid
hold of me.***