

Service is something you do, but a servant is something you become.

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Every Christ-Follower is Called to Serve

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¹If then you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. ²Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth. ³For you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God.

—Colossians 3:1-3 ESV

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²²Bondservants, obey in everything those who are your earthly masters, not by way of eye-service, as people-pleasers, but with sincerity of heart, fearing the Lord. ²³Whatever you do, work heartily, as for the Lord and not for men, ²⁴knowing that from the Lord you will receive the inheritance as your reward. You are serving the Lord Christ.

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²⁵For the wrongdoer will be paid back for the wrong he has done, and there is no partiality.

—Colossians 3:22-25 ESV

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⁵Bondservants, obey your earthly masters with fear and trembling, with a sincere heart, as you would Christ, ⁶not by the way of eye-service, as people-pleasers, but as bondservants of Christ, doing the will of God from the heart, ⁷rendering service with a good will as to the Lord and not to man, ⁸knowing that whatever good anyone does, this he will receive back from the Lord, whether he is a bondservant or is free.

—Ephesians 6:5-8 ESV

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³Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility count others more significant than yourselves. ⁴Let each of you look not only to his own interests, but also to the interests of others. ⁵Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus,

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... ⁶who, though He was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, ⁷but emptied Himself, by taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men. ⁸And being found in human form, He humbled Himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross.

—Philippians 2:3-8 ESV

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Each Christ-Follower Must
Choose to Serve

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³Jesus, knowing that the Father had given all things into His hands, and that He had come from God and was going back to God, ⁴rose from supper. He laid aside His outer garments, and taking a towel, tied it around His waist. ⁵Then He poured water into a basin and began to wash the disciples' feet and to wipe them with the towel that was wrapped around Him.

—John 13:3-5 ESV

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¹²... He said to them, "Do you understand what I have done to you? ¹³You call me Teacher and Lord, and you are right, for so I am. ¹⁴If I then, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another's feet. ¹⁵For I have given you an example, that you also should do just as I have done to you."

—John 13:12b-15 ESV

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¹²Put on then, as God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, compassionate hearts, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience, ¹³bearing with one another and, if one has a complaint against another, forgiving each other; as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive.

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¹⁴And above all these put on love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony.

—Colossians 3:12-14 ESV

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Every Act of Service
Honors the Master

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“Children are messages we send
to the future we cannot see.”

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Every Servant Discovers
Significance

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... knowing that from the Lord
you will receive the inheritance
as your reward. You are serving
the Lord Christ.

—Colossians 3:24 ESV

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... rendering service with a good will
as to the Lord and not to man ...

—Ephesians 6:7 ESV

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¹⁶Truly, truly, I say to you, a servant is not greater than his master, nor is a messenger greater than the one who sent him. ¹⁷If you know these things, blessed are you if you do them. —John 13:16-17 ESV

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“Accumulating wealth, power, influence and prestige are self-gratifying, but will not satisfy a man’s need to be significant in a lasting way... Significance is not possible unless what we do contributes to the kingdom of God and the welfare of others.” —Patrick Morley

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Well done, good and faithful servant.
—Matthew 25:23a ESV

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