

Accelerating Our Spiritual Growth, Part 9

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Matthew 20:26 (Mes) “Whoever wants to be great must become a servant.”

Mark 10:45 (NLT) “For even I, the Son of Man, came here not to be served but to serve others, and to give my life as a ransom for many.”

WHY SHOULD I USE MY LIFE TO SERVE OTHERS?

1. I was created for service.

Ephesians 2:10 (NIV) For we are God’s workmanship, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do.

2. I am saved for service.

II Timothy 1:9 (LB) It is God who saved us and chose us for his holy work...

3. I’ve been called by God to service.

Galatians 1:15 (GN) God, in his grace, chose me even before I was born, and called me to serve him.

Ephesians 4:1 (NIV) Live a life worthy of the calling you have received.

4. I’ve been gifted for service.

I Peter 4:10 (LB) God has given each of you some special abilities; be sure to use them to help each other...

5. I am commanded to serve others.

Matthew 20:28 (LB) “Your attitude must be like my own, for I, the Messiah, did not come to be served, but to serve...”

6. Serving proves that I belong to Jesus.

Romans 7:4 (GN) ...you are part of the Body of Christ and you belong to him...in order that we might be useful in the service of God.

7. Because I owe everything to Jesus.

Romans 12:1 (GN) Because of God’s great mercy to us...offer yourselves as a living sacrifice to God, dedicated to his service...

8. Because service makes my life meaningful.

Mark 8:35 (NLT) “If you try to keep your life for yourself, you will lose it. But if you give

up your life for my sake and for the sake of the Good News, you will find true life.”

I Corinthians 15:58 (GN) Keep busy in your work for the Lord since you know that nothing you do in the Lord’s service is ever without value.

9. I will be held accountable for my service.

Romans 14:12 (NIV) ...each of us will give an account of himself to God.

10. Because I will be rewarded for eternity.

John 12:26 (GN) “...And my Father will honor anyone who serves me.”

Matthew 25:23 (NIV) “Well done, good and faithful servant! You have been faithful with a few things; I will put you in charge of many things. Come and share your master’s happiness!”

We invite you to look over the verses in your sermon notes this week and ask and answer the following three questions (you are encouraged to get a notebook to record your thoughts):

1. What does the verse say?
2. What does the verse mean?
3. What does the verse mean to me personally?