

Answer Key:

What does Serve mean?

- work

Where does “Serving” start?

- mind
- mental
- attitude

The Model...Jesus

- Jesus
- taught
- parables
- existence
- modeled

Why should I use My Life to Serve Others?

1. created
2. saved
3. called
4. gifted
5. commanded
6. proves
7. needs
8. serve
9. owe
10. meaningful
11. accountable
12. rewarded

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Part 7

“SERVE (1)

Ephesians 6:7 Voice

“Serve them in good faith as if you were serving the Lord, not men,”

Introductory Statement

Many people are curious about what the Bible has to say about service. God expects those who love Him to provide service to others. By providing service to others, we become God's hands reaching out to others. God has a special place in His heart for the most vulnerable members of society and charges his followers with providing service to them.

What does “Serve” mean?

- _____ ***for; acting in subordination to; yielding obedience to; worshipping; perform duties.***

Where does “Serving” start?

- Service starts in your _____.
- It requires a _____ shift.
- It is a change in your _____!

Philippians 2:5 Message

“Think of yourselves the way Christ Jesus thought of himself.”

The Model...Jesus

- _____ served!

Matthew 14:18 21 NIV

“Bring them here to me,” he said. And he directed the people to sit down on the grass. Taking the five loaves and the two fish and looking up to heaven, he gave thanks and broke the loaves. Then he gave them to the disciples, and the disciples gave them to the people. They all ate and were satisfied, and the disciples picked up twelve basketfuls of broken pieces that were left over. The number of those who ate was about five thousand men, besides women and children.

- Jesus _____ about serving.

Mark 9:33-35 NIV

“...on the way they [the disciples] had argued about who was the greatest. He [Jesus] sat down and called them around Him and said, ‘Anyone wanting to be the greatest must be the least – the servant of all!’”

- Jesus used _____ to illustrate serving.

Luke 10:33-34 NLT

“Then a despised Samaritan came along, and when he saw the man, he felt compassion for him. Going over to him, the Samaritan soothed his wounds with olive oil and wine and bandaged them. Then he put the man on his own donkey and took him to an inn, where he took care of him.”

- Jesus stated serving as His _____!

Mark 10:45 NLT

“For even the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve others and to give His life as a ransom for many.”

- Jesus final examples-He _____ serving.

John 13: 1,4,5,15 NLT

"Jesus knew that His hour had come to leave this world and return to His Father. He now showed the disciples the full extent of His love... So, He got up from the table, took off His robe, wrapped a towel around His waist, and poured water into a basin. Then He began to wash the disciples' feet and to wipe them with the towel He had around Him... 'I have given you an example to follow. Do as I have done to you.'"

Bottom Line:

We must remember that serving others may not always be easy, but we will be rewarded in eternity.

Why should "I" use My Life to Serve Others?

Mark 10:45 NLT

Jesus: "For even I didn't come to be served but to serve others and give my life as a ransom for many."

Serving God is one of the most important principles of the Christian faith, as believers are expected to help the church with a joyful spirit.

1. You were _____ to 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. You were _____ to Service.

2 Timothy 1:9 Living Bible

"It is God who saved us and chose us for his holy work.

3. You have been _____ to Service.

Galatians 1:15 GNT

"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. You have been _____ to Service.

1 Peter 4:10 Living Bible

"God has given each of you some special abilities; be sure to use them to help each other..."

5. You are _____ to Serve others.

Matthews 20:28 Living Bible

6. Serving, _____ that I belong to Christ.

Romans 7:4 GNT

"...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. Your church family _____ my Service.

1 Corinthians 12:27 Living Bible

"All of you together are the one body of Christ and each of you is a separate and necessary part of it."

8. Serving others is the way to _____ God.

Colossians 3:23-24 NIV

"Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord, not for men... It is the Lord Christ you are serving."

9. Because I _____ everything to Christ.

Romans 12:1 GNT

"Because of God's great mercy to us... Offer yourselves as a living sacrifice to God, dedicated to his service..."

10. Because Service makes life _____.

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."

1 Corinthians 15:58 GNT

"Keep busy in your work for the Lord since you know that nothing you do in the Lord's service is ever without value."

11. One day, I will be held _____ for my
Service.

Romans 14:12 Living Bible

"Each of us will have to give a personal account to God."

What will be Your response?

Psalm 86:11 GNT

"Teach me to serve you with complete devotion."

Psalm 100:2 KJV

"Serve the Lord with gladness!"

12. Because I will be _____ for eternity.

John 12:26 NCV

Jesus said, "My Father will honor anyone who serves me.

Matthew 25:23 NIV

"Well done, good and faithful servant! You've been faithful with a few things; I will put you in charge of many things. Come and share your master's happiness!"