

Answer Key:

What does it really mean?

- work

Where does “Serving” Start?

- mind
- mental
- attitude

What holds you back from Serving?

- self-centeredness
- nitpicking
- materialism

“Serve!”

- available
- faithfulness
- generous

Why you should say “YES!”

1. grow
2. discover
3. gifts/ talents
4. obeying
5. example
6. friendship
7. give
8. vain
9. glorify
10. prepared

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Part 2

“Serve!”

Ephesians 2:10 CEV

"God planned for us to do good things and to live as he has always wanted us to live. This is why He sent Christ to make us what we are."

Introductory Statement

Throughout Jesus’ ministry he had served his followers. But perhaps his most graphic picture of his servant’s heart came the night before his crucifixion. Jesus and the disciples had gathered for the Passover meal. When we serve others, especially those who have no way of repaying us, we imitate Jesus. As he gave of himself, we do the same. Jesus set the example, and we imitate him.

What does it really mean?

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

1 Corinthians 3:8 NLT

"The one who plants and the one who waters work together with the same purpose. And both will be rewarded for their own hard work."

Where does “Serving” Start?

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

Jesus spent most of his ministry providing service to others.

What holds you back from Serving?

- _____!

Philippians 2:4 Message

“Forget yourselves long enough to lend a helping hand.”

- _____

Jude 1:16 Living Bible

“These men are constant gripers, never satisfied, doing whatever evil they feel like; they are loudmouthed “show-offs,” and when they show respect for others, it is only to get something from them in return.”

- _____!

Luke 16:13 NIV

“No servant can serve two masters... You cannot serve both God and money.”

A lot of people want to serve God, but they don't want to serve others.

That is impossible!

“Serve!”

- To serve means being _____.

Matthew 20:30-32 NIV

"Two blind men...shouted, 'Lord, have mercy on us!' ...Jesus stopped and called them. 'What do you want me to do for you?' he asked."

Serving God is one of the most important principles of the Christian faith...

Proverbs 3:28 TEV

"Never tell your neighbors to wait until tomorrow if you can help them now."

Serving is without RECOGNITION and without STOPPING!

“Serve!”

- To serve means being _____!

1 Corinthians 4:2 TEV

"The one thing required of servants is that they be faithful..."

Equal DEDICATION to every task!

John 17:4 NIV

"I have brought you glory on earth by completing the work you gave me to do."

1 Corinthians 15:58 Message

"Throw yourselves into the work of the Master, confident that nothing you do for him is a waste of time or effort."

You may retire from your job, but you are never retiring from service.

“Serve!”

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Romans 3:24 Message

"Out of sheer generosity God put us in right standing with himself. A pure gift! He got us out of the mess we were in and restored us to where he always wanted us to be. And he did it by means of Jesus Christ."

2 Corinthians 9:13 NLT

"You will be glorifying God through your generous gifts. For your generosity will prove that you are obedient to the Good News of Christ."

2 Corinthians 9:11 NIV

"You will be enriched in every way so you can be generous on every occasion, and your generosity will result in thanksgiving to God."

Hebrews 6:10 NLT

"He will not forget how hard you have worked for him and how you have shown your love to him by caring for other Christians."

You cannot love without giving!

Why you should say “YES!”

1. When you serve, you _____ in your relationship with Jesus.

Colossians 1:10 NLT

"Then the way you live will always honor and please the Lord, and your lives will produce every kind of good fruit. All the while, you will grow as you learn to know God better and better."

2. When you serve, you _____ your spiritual gifts.

Romans 12:4-6 AMP

"For just as in one [physical] body we have many parts, and these parts do not all have the same function or special use, so we, who are many, are [nevertheless just] one body in Christ, and individually [we are] parts one of another [mutually dependent on each other]. Since we have gifts that differ according to the grace given to us, each of us is to use them accordingly: if [someone has the gift of] prophecy, [let him speak a new message from God to His people] in proportion to the faith possessed."

3. When we serve, you are using your _____ and _____ for God.

Ephesians 4:11-12 NIV

"So, Christ himself gave the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, the pastors and teachers, to equip his people for works of service, so that the body of Christ may be built up."

4. When you serve, you are _____ a direct command from the scripture.

Galatians 5:13 NCV

"God called you to be free, but do not use your freedom as an excuse to do what pleases your sinful self. Serve each other with love."

5. When you serve, you are following the _____ of Jesus.

Philippians 2:5 NMB

"Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus,"

6. When you serve, you will find _____ with others.

1 Corinthians 3:9 RSV

"For we are God's fellow workers;"

7. When you serve, you learn that it is better to _____ than receive.

Acts 20:35 NKJV

"I have shown you in every way, by laboring like this, that you must support the weak. And remember the words of the Lord Jesus, that He said, 'It is more blessed to give than to receive.'"

8. When you serve, you will learn that no labor is ever done in _____ when working for the Lord.

1 Corinthians 15:58 NET

"Do not be moved! Always be outstanding in the work of the Lord, knowing that your labor is not in vain in the Lord."

9. When you serve, it should always _____ God.

Matthew 5:16 CSB

"In the same way, let your light shine^[a] before men, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven."

10. When you serve, God has _____ good works for you to do.

Ephesians 2:10 ICB

"God has made us what we are. In Christ Jesus, God made us new people so that we would do good works. God had planned in advance those good works for us. He had planned for us to live our lives doing them."

NOW, that I have your attention.

How are you going to service Today!