



Bible Scriptures About Service

WHY (do we serve)?

- Matthew 5:14-16, I Peter 2:12 – may see your good deeds and praise God
- Philippians 2:1-4 – appreciation for being united with Christ
- Acts 20:35 – because Jesus said “It is more blessed to give than receive”
- Galatians 5:13-14, James 2:8 – the entire law is “Love your neighbor as yourself”
- Mark 10:44-45, Luke 22:26-27 – Jesus set the example
- I John 3: 17-18 – because the love of God is in us
- James 1:27 – because it is pure, undefiled religion
- Romans 12:20 – to overcome evil with good
- Deuteronomy 15:7-11 – God will bless you in all your work
- Luke 14:13 – because will be repaid at the resurrection of righteousness
- I Peter 4:10-11 – God may be praised through Jesus Christ
- Matthew 19:21, Colossians 3:23-24, 2 Corinthians 5:10, I Timothy 6:18-19 – treasure in heaven
- Hebrews 6:10, Proverbs 14:21,31 – you will be blessed and to honor God
- Proverbs 19:17 – lending to the poor is the same as lending to the Lord
- Ephesians 2:10 – God prepared these works for us to do in advance
- James 2:26, 14-18 – because we have faith that is alive
- 2 Timothy 3:17 – because we were equipped by God for every good work
- James 4:17 – because it is a sin if you know the good to do and don't do it
- I Corinthians 12:4-7 – for the common good
- Ephesians 4:12-13 – to build up the Body (the Church)

HOW (our attitude while serving)

- Matthew 5:14-16 – let your light shine
- Matthew 23:11 – greatest should be servant
- Philippians 2:1-4 – not out of selfish ambition or conceit, with humility, consider others better than yourself, look to the interests of others
- Acts 20:35 – work hard
- Galatians 5:13-14 – in love
- I John 3:17-18 – love in action and truth—not just words, have compassion
- Galatians 6:10 – as we have opportunity (when we see a need), openhanded (generous), without a grudging heart

- Esther 9:22 – in joy and celebration of blessings and deliverance
- Luke 14:13 – not expecting to be repaid
- I Peter 4:10-11 – with the strength God supplies
- Luke 12:33 – willing to sell our possessions to help others
- Ephesians 6:7-8 – wholeheartedly, as if serving God not man
- Proverbs 14: 21,31 – kind
- Proverbs 22:9, I Timothy 6:18-19 – generous, sharing what we have
- Colossians 3:23-24 – work with all your heart
- Hebrews 10:24 – spur (encourage) each other to do good deeds
- I Peter 3:10-14 – without fear
- I Thessalonians 5:12-15 – patient, kind, at peace

WHOM (do we serve)?

- Matthew 5:14-16 – “man” (implied unchurched)
- Acts 20:35 – the weak
- Galatians 5:13-14 – “one another”, your neighbor
- I John 3:17-18 – brother (in Christ), those in need of material possessions
- James 1:27 – orphans, widows
- I Timothy 5:3 – widows who are really in need
- Romans 12:20 – enemies, hungry, thirsty
- Galatians 6:10 – all people, especially believers
- Exodus 23:11 – poor, wild animals (second to people)
- Acts 9:36-39 – widows and poor (clothing)
- Deuteronomy 15: 7-11 – poor brother/those in need of money
- Esther 9:22 – food to one another, gifts to poor
- Psalms 82:3-4, Proverbs 31:9 – weak and needy (from the wicked), fatherless, rights of poor and oppressed
- Luke 14:13, Proverbs 22:9 – poor, crippled, lame, blind
- Matthew 19:21 – poor
- Matthew 25:35 – hungry, thirsty, homeless (or needing a place to stay – think a traveler, like a visiting missionary), need clothes, sick, prisoners
- Luke 12:33 – poor
- Jeremiah 22:3 – foreigners in your land, fatherless, widow, crime victims
- Proverbs 14:21,31 – needy, poor
- Isaiah 1:17 – encourage the oppressed, justice (think martyrs, wrongly accused, etc.) fatherless, widows
- Isaiah 58:6-7 – loose chains of injustice, untie cords of the yoke (slavery?)
- James 2:14-18 – hungry, those in need of temporary shelter, naked (need clothes), relatives
- Proverbs 31:10-31 – husband, children, needy, poor
- I Thessalonians 5:12-15 – encourage the timid, warn the idle, Christians and everyone else
- Ephesians 4:12-13 – the Body (the Church)