

"SERVING"

"...BE A GOOD SERVANT OF Christ Jesus, constantly
nourished on the Words of the faith and of the
sound doctrine which you have been following" I Tim.4:16

When was the last time you did above and beyond your call to duty?

	<u>What did you do?</u>	<u>For Whom?</u>	<u>/When?</u>
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Was that a difficult exercise for you to do? If so, unfortunately your're normal, but not the kind of person Jesus Christ wants you to become! From the above question, we can define serving as - doing something for someone, above and beyond the normal responsibilities or requirements which were expected of you. Serving means that sacrifice is involved. It is sometimes painful, never to expect to be paid back. You don't serve out of obligation or expectation. Serving is unconditionally giving to someone or meeting their needs. Look at the following verses and write in observations:

Gal.5:13	Matt.25:21
Matt.25:40	Lk.17:7-10
Phil.2:3-5	
Mark 10:43-45 (the purpose of Christ)	Matt.20:26-28

John 13:2-17 (the example of Christ)

The Lord Jesus Christ humbled Himself to become a man (Phil.2:5-10) to meet our need for salvation. He is our example of the perfect Servant. He thus expects us to develop a "servant's heart", that truly was the intense desire of Christ's heart! (Mark 10:45)

Who is it that we are really serving when we serve others?

Col.3:24

The servantude of Jesus Christ is to be cultivated in our daily living, just as it was His way of life, so it is to be our life style. True "serving one another" is only genuine when Jesus Christ becomes a reality!

You can begin to apply this today - right now.

First of all identify what some of the past hinderances have been that have kept you from serving others:

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| 1. | 4. |
| 2. | 5. |
| 3. | 6. |

To overcome these you simply begin to serve those people that you live with and fellowship with at church. God tells us to. It is a matter of going against our feelings of pride, selfishness and "inconvenience".

Begin to list 10 things I can do for my family and friends.

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| 3. | 8. |
| 4. | 9. |
| 5. | 10. |

WHO WILL I SERVE?	WHAT WILL I DO?	WHEN	DONE
1. Ex. My wife	Clear off the table while she relaxes	Tuesday evening	X
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- 1.
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- 4.
- 5.