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CHRISTIAN COMMUNITY CHURCH

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If you want to be great, be a great servant. As Jesus says, *“Whoever wants to be great among you must be your servant, and whoever wants to be first must be slave of all.”* (Matthew 10:43-44)

Like no other practice, service helps us to develop Christ-like humility.

Below are some ways you can engage in service.¹

ALLOW YOURSELF TO BE SERVED

Has someone ever tried to do something for you and you refused? Have you taken the time to think about why? Part of growing in service is allowing others to serve us without thinking we have to pay it back. That’s the beauty of the kingdom. It’s a give and take where no one is always in charge, no one is always the giver or the receiver. We’re serving and being served. It’s a divine dance that helps us grow in Christ-like humility.

Who can you allow to serve you today?

THE SERVICE OF LISTENING

How many people are going through something and would love to have someone simply listen to them? We don’t need to be trained psychoanalysts to be good listeners. All we need are compassion, patience and the discipline to speak less (James 1:19).

Who can you serve by just listening?

THE SERVICE OF BURDEN-BEARING

Scripture calls us to fulfill the law of Christ by bearing each other’s burdens (Galatians 6:2). Chances are, you know someone who is burdened—going through a difficult time. Ask God, *“How can I help bear some of this person’s burden?”* As well, ask the person in need how you can best serve them. See how the Holy Spirit leads, and follow through with actions. You may be led to pray, deliver a meal, give a ride, keep someone company or any number of things.

You don’t have to be responsible for the entirety of their burden. Do what you can, and commit the remainder of the person’s burden to Jesus. He is strong enough to bear it.

Who can you serve by helping to carry a part of their burden?

¹ Several of these forms of service are drawn Richard Foster’s chapter on “Service” in *Celebration of Discipline*.

THE SERVICE OF HIDDENNESS

Cultivate tasks of service that remain generally unknown to others (Matthew 6:1-4). Where possible, serve as secretly as you can, without drawing attention to your acts of service. This undermines pride and helps you grow in Christ-like love, as you truly serve others for their sake, rather than your own.

CURRENT OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE OUR COMMUNITY

- 1. City Street Outreach:** Support those living on the streets by handing out food downtown, praying for our street friends, preparing food, driving deliveries, or donating clothing in good condition.
Email bethany@cornerstonechurch.ca or visit <https://cornerstonechurch.ca/homeless/>
- 2. Grocery Team:** With this new lockdown more individuals need grocery support. Join our grocery team to pick up and deliver goods to our clients in the Markham-Stouffville area.
<https://cornerstonechurch.ca/icanhelp/>
- 3. Care Team:** Make meals to support people in need in our community.
Email care@cornerstonechurch.ca

For many more service opportunities: <https://cornerstonechurch.ca/icanhelp/>.

LINKS TO OTHER SERVICE ARTICLES

[Understanding Service](#)

Service as a Christian spiritual discipline is difficult to capture in words. We learn about service best by watching it in action over an extended period of time.

[Self-Righteous vs. True Service](#)

If true service is to be understood and practiced, it must be distinguished clearly from “self-righteous service.”