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Introduction

Serving God and impacting others: This is the powerful privilege—and great responsibility of ministry—for every follower of Jesus Christ. Serving is what Jesus did. It is what He calls us to do. That means we all have a “calling.”

Yet, there are dangers we face serving God. You can burn yourself out. Jesus does want you to serve in His mission. Even if you died in direct service of God, it won't have the same effect as Jesus' death on the cross. He already did that for you.

When God created everything, He rested on the seventh day. It was probably not because He was burned out. He was teaching us about spiritual discipline. He was teaching us to pace ourselves.

The key to serving God effectively is to know how He has gifted you. When your ministry matches your unique gift mix, you are divinely energized. When you serve outside your giftings, you risk burnout.

When you feed on God's Word, you don't burn out. You catch fire! When you discover, develop, and use the spiritual gifts God has given you, you are invigorated. When you are serving where God wants you, you have discovered your divine calling. It is your spiritual “sweet spot.”

Your unique function in the Kingdom comes from studying your “playbook.” It is called the Bible. It is where you learn about

spiritual gifts. When you discover your unique cluster of gifts, you are empowered to serve by the ruler of the universe. How special is that? You are an ambassador for your Creator. Isn't that wonderfully—humbling?

Ambassadors of the Kingdom: Serving with Purpose and Power

Believe it or not, Jesus never said, “Can I get a volunteer?” Yet so many churches—so many Christians—operate as if the whole idea of volunteers is sacred! There are even so-called Christian books about how to have an awesome volunteer program!

In Ephesians 5:5, Paul says, “You can be sure that using people or religion or things just for what you can get out of them—the usual variations on idolatry—will get you nowhere, and certainly nowhere near the kingdom of Christ, the kingdom of God.”

God doesn’t use people. He invites people to be ambassadors of and for the King of the universe. You don’t have a job at church. You have a calling! How could we take such a precious concept and turn it into a cheap form of secularization?

Unbelievers can “volunteer” to do stuff. But not Christ-followers. Volunteerism is just another symbol of the drift from Kingdom culture—and what it means to be a precious child of God. Serving God is a special honor and privilege.

From the Kingdom perspective, you are part of a royal priesthood. When you were baptized, you were ordained to serve the God who cleansed your sins. Like a political ambassador, you were chosen and given the privilege to serve. It’s the privilege to represent Almighty God!

The Holy Spirit has also given you special gifts. They are not just talents. All people, believers or not, have talents. However, Christians have spiritual, God-ordained, God-ordered gifts—uniquely given to you and me. When you know your spiritual gifts, you learn more about God's plan for your life. You discover your special place in the body of Christ. Don't you think it's important to know whether you're a hand or a foot?

God gives leader-types to the church: apostles, prophets, evangelists, pastors, and teachers. For what purpose? To equip believers like you and me for the work of ministry. It's called discipling. Jesus modeled it.

Guess what? Before every awakening in churches, followed by a revival, the Christian Church gets back to two previously underutilized biblical teachings: (1) spiritual gifts and (2) the priesthood of believers! Get back to God's plan and quit using people as volunteers!

Beyond Helping Hands: Sharing Christ for Eternal Change

Churches are loaded with “do-gooders.” That is a good thing! Actually, it’s part of a good thing. John 15:16a: “You didn’t choose me, remember; I chose you, and put you in the world to bear fruit, fruit that won’t spoil.”

Churches everywhere are busy: feeding the hungry, clothing those who are cold, building houses for the homeless. These are important Christian things to do. Many Muslims also do these things. Many humanists do these things. These are also Christian activities, but they are not unique to Christians.

The biggest challenge to feeding the hungry is that they will be hungry again tomorrow. Those to whom you provide clothing will discover that their clothes wear out. Those who live in your houses eventually die.

So, smart churches *empower* people who are hungry—to garden. They teach those who need clothes how to make clothes or how earn money to buy them. Many Muslims and humanists figured this out too. That’s a good thing. But what about when the guy living in the house you built dies? Then what?

Jesus spells out the uniqueness of the Christian mission that begins with loving others, moves to loving God and trusting in Jesus, and includes eternal life.

Jesus says, "...I chose you, and put you in the world to bear fruit, fruit that won't spoil" (John 15:16). When you die, you spoil. When you know Jesus as your personal Savior, your body spoils, but you live. That is the uniqueness of Christianity.

Consequently, our mission is not less. It is not different, but it is more. It is to show love and provide; tell the Good News of Jesus and make disciples; feed; and empower—and, through a relationship with Jesus, God gives the gift of eternal life. That never spoils. It's not one or the other. It is a comprehensive strategy with eternal dimensions. So, why do so many leave out the part that uniquely makes Christian missions, well, Christian?

More Donkeys, More Foot Washing: The Power of Humble Service

Just before Easter 2013, the relatively new pope, Pope Francis from Argentina, went to prison—not under felony charges but under the charge of Christ. Popes usually ceremoniously wash the feet of the cardinals, the senior clergy in the Catholic Church. But Pope Francis washed the feet of prisoners: some who were atheists, others Jews, and yet others Muslims.

Later, he spoke of this to crowds who were very curious about this new “pope behavior.” He responded about how Jesus washed the feet of His disciples and how this action turned the culture upside down. Students normally washed the feet of their teachers. In many cultures, slaves or children usually washed the feet of guests. Jesus, God’s Son, was THE major “guest” of the planet. Yet He washed His followers’ feet.

The Pope’s actions were a major shot of humility heard around the world. Humility is the power of apostolic leaders. It is not about ego or fanfare. It is more about service.

In John 12:13-15, Jesus rides into Jerusalem, not in a stretch limo (or the first-century equivalent), but on a young donkey. This is yet another demonstration of humility.

What do you think most unchurched people understand about those who are believing Christians? They look at Christians and often say, “Those Christians just think they are better than

others. They think they are perfect.” What they are really saying is, “Those people who are Christians think they are better than me.” The result? Those non-Christians are grounded in this false belief: “I could never live up to their standards.”

A good question might be, “Where do they get that notion?” You can be assured it is not from our humility or a culture of foot washing. The origin is more likely from a misplaced sense of arrogance. Most of us, as Christians, would rebel with the thought. “We do not act arrogantly,” we would say. However, what most unchurched people hear from others is not, “Can I wash your feet?”—or any other form of service and humility. What they hear are public pronouncements that church leaders make about improper behavior. They are judgmental comments about immorality in movies, unmarried people who live together, homosexuals, and the like. They are pronouncements about those “sinners.”

Of course we Christians are offended by aberrations demonstrated in our secular culture. So is God! Of course we realize these actions do not fit with God’s best plan for life. However, by our pronouncements, we smear it in the faces of non-Christians with demeaning, pointed fingers. We Christians, the Church, are too often known for what we are against than what—or Who—we are for. We pronounce judgments, point fingers, and (most often unintentionally) promote arrogance. At least that is the way it looks to those outside the Church.

Perhaps we need to “ride more donkeys” and “wash more feet”—and love more people into a relationship with us, a relationship that becomes a bridge for a relationship with the One who forgives us and lifts us from those behaviors that offend Him.

More than Good Deeds: Balancing Social Action with the Gospel Message

In Luke 17:14-15, the story is told about ten lepers who come to see Jesus. Jesus heals all ten, but only one returns to thank Him. This is the 10 percent rule: 10 percent of people who have been blessed by God actually get it and live in thanksgiving to Him. Those who return to give glory to God are told, “Your faith has healed you *and* saved you” (v. 19, emphasis mine).

You see, they were all healed. But were all saved? Not likely. More likely, just the one, the 10 percent, who acknowledged Jesus and glorified God.

So, what about all the good deeds that churches do to feed the hungry and other social efforts? These efforts are great. They are the Christian thing to do. But the mission thing to do is to also “share the hope that is within you” (1 Peter 3:15, my translation).

Off the Bench: Equipping Christians for Their Calling

When I played football in high school, it was a given: You had to know the playbook. No matter what position you played, when you heard the complicated play call in the huddle, in seconds you were responsible to carry out your unique maneuvers. If there were any people on the team who didn't know the playbook, your team simply couldn't win.

Christians are gathered in teams called churches. These churches aren't supposed to play against other churches, though sadly, some do. The goal of every church, of every Christian, is to win people for Christ: to win their community, their nation, and their world for God.

God has provided a thorough, exhaustive playbook. It's called the Bible. It comes in many versions—so you can excel at the multiple nuances of sentences packed with spiritual direction: to grow, improve, and carry out the most important assignment on earth. There are Bible dictionaries, concordances, and dozens of commentaries written by people who have spent their whole lives focused on one portion of this massive playbook. You would think this playbook is the most important one in the world. Without question, it is!

In my life's work with thousands of churches of all kinds, hundreds of thousands of Christian people on six continents, I've discovered what you may already suspect. By far, most

team players know very little about the playbook. No wonder most local churches have mediocre or losing seasons!

There are so many players who don't get the basic purpose, so many who have never discovered their spiritual gifts—their God-given roles on the team. So many churches are filled with players who sit on the bench and send the coaching staff onto the field. It's ridiculous!

In Paul's letter to the Colossians, chapter 1, verses 9-14, Paul writes, "...we haven't stopped praying for you, asking God to give you wise minds and spirits attuned to his will." When Jesus taught, commissioned His disciples, died on the cross, rose again, and provided the Holy Spirit: Is there any lack of clarity about the Church's main purpose—every Christian's primary role? Paul adds, "...live well for the Master ... as you work hard in his orchard." Christians are supposed to produce fruit and to gather the harvest!

The apostle continues, "As you learn more and more how God works, you will learn how to do *your* work."

The playbook represents a lifelong learning process. It takes enormous discipline—as in the word "disciple"! Why is it that most Christians can't even find Colossians with both hands? Why are Bible studies viewed by so many as extracurricular activities for a few? You can't win anything sitting on the bench ignorant of the playbook.

Serving Without Burning Out: The Biblical Key to Sustainable Ministry

Anyone who serves God faces the challenge to avoid burnout. Burnout is a complex spiritual phenomenon with a common result. However, many Christians, even pastors, misdiagnose the antidote.

It is important to clarify the issues. For example, God doesn't want anyone to die for their church. Jesus already did that! And even if you did work yourself to death for the Christian cause, it won't have nearly the impact as Jesus' death on the cross!

Sometimes spiritually immature Christians get involved in God's work, then quit early on. Sometimes they self-diagnose the issue as "burnout." Yet, that is not accurate. In truth, they were never on fire for Christ! So, they couldn't burn out!

God does expect our best. However, our best only comes as we pace ourselves. God did a lot when He created the world; it was a big job. Why would God rest on day seven? Does God Himself really need rest? Or was He already teaching us to pace ourselves? Was it a message *for us*?

Burnout often comes to followers of Jesus because they are serving in areas where they are not gifted by the Holy Spirit. That usually occurs among those who don't even know their unique gifts, given by the Spirit. They have sometimes been

misled by a church with the unbiblical and humanistic approach of volunteerism. Jesus never said, “Can I get a volunteer?”

So, what is the antidote for serving God without burnout? First, know your unique spiritual gifts and serve in areas where you are gifted. That means minimizing activities where you are not gifted, allowing the whole body of Christ, with all of its different functions, to work together in harmony. You can’t know your unique calling without knowing your dominant and subordinate spiritual gifts.

Yet, there are those who suffer burnout even though they are serving in areas where they are gifted. What is the issue with them? In truth, they are underfed. Being underfed leads to being overworked.

In 2 Thessalonians 2:15-17, Paul encourages us, “Keep a tight grip on what you were *taught*.” Learning from Scripture is a lifelong practice, just like eating food. Some candidates for burnout say, “I’m always here to hear the pastor’s sermon.” That’s a good practice, but would you just feed on the Word of God—would you just feed yourself food—only once every seven days? Some pastors confess they are only in God’s Word for preaching and teaching requirements. That’s not a “tight grip” on what God teaches. In fact, it is a strategy for burnout.

God’s Word, taken in regularly, and the Holy Spirit’s gifts, uniquely given to you, along with the stewardship or management of pacing: That is the spiritual and physical prescription to avoid burnout! And Paul says (verse 17) it will “invigorate your work.”

Called to Serve: The Identity of the Body of Christ

Serving is not just what Christians do—it is who we are.

At the core of the body of Christ is a simple but powerful truth: We exist for others. The Church is not a gathering of people seeking to be served. It is a movement of those called to serve.

Jesus made this unmistakably clear.

In Mark 10:45, He says, “That is what the Son of Man has done: He came to serve, not to be served—and then to give away his life” (*The Message*). That statement defines both His mission and ours.

If we are His body, then His purpose becomes our purpose.

However, this runs counter to the way most people think.

In our culture, the natural question is, “What do I get out of this?” Even in churches, it’s easy to reflect that mindset. Some Christians evaluate their experience based on how well their needs are met. “Are we being fed? Are we being cared for? Are we being served?”

While those are valid issues, they are not the starting point of the Christian life.

The starting point is to *surrender*.

It is recognizing that we have been called to something bigger than ourselves. We are part of Christ's body—and every part has a function.

Serving is not an optional activity for a few committed individuals. It is the identity of every believer. Is it yours?

When that identity is embraced, everything changes.

Instead of asking, "What can I receive?" we ask, "Where can I serve?"

Instead of waiting to be asked, we begin to look for opportunities.

Instead of seeing service as an *obligation*, we begin to see it as a *calling*.

In the body of Christ, this creates a powerful dynamic.

Needs are met—not just because leaders are carrying the weight but because the entire body is engaged. Others are served. Ministry expands. The church becomes active, not passive.

Yet, there is something even deeper occurring.

Serving in a ministry aligns our hearts with the heart of Jesus.

It pulls our hearts beyond self-centeredness. It opens our eyes to the needs of others. It teaches us humility. It reminds us that life is not just about accumulating. It is also about giving.

Serving is not always convenient. It often requires sacrifice. It may go unnoticed. It may not be recognized or rewarded.

However, it is never wasted. Why?

Because every act of service—no matter how small—is an expression of the love of Christ.

When the body of Christ—your church—lives this way, it becomes a visible demonstration of the power of Jesus.

The Church is not called to be served. It is called to serve.

When you embrace that identity, your church becomes exactly what Jesus called us to be.

Small Acts, Eternal Impact: The Power of Serving in God's Kingdom

It is often easy to underestimate the value of small acts of service.

Sometimes, holding a door. Preparing a meal. Listening to someone who is struggling. Praying quietly for a friend. These actions can feel insignificant—especially in a world that celebrates big achievements and visible success.

However, in the Kingdom of God, small acts matter.

In Matthew 25:40, Jesus says, “Whenever you did one of these things to someone overlooked or ignored, that was me—you did it to me” (*The Message*). That changes everything!

Serving others is never just about helping others—it is about serving Jesus Himself.

Every act of service carries *eternal* significance.

In the body of Christ, this truth reshapes how we view our service to others.

No act of ministry is too small. No contribution is insignificant. In every part of the body of Christ, it matters.

However, many believers hold back some. Christians think, “What I have to offer isn’t that important.” Or: “Someone else could do it better.” Or: “I’ll serve when I have more time.”

However, that approach misses the point.

God does not require perfection. He seeks availability.

The miracle is that He uses what we offer!

Throughout Scripture, God consistently uses what seems small and insignificant to accomplish something supernaturally great. A few loaves and fish feed thousands. A simple act of obedience leads to a life being changed.

That is how God works.

In the body of Christ, serving is not about making a name for ourselves. It is about being faithful with what we have.

When people begin to serve faithfully in small ways, something powerful occurs.

Momentum builds.

People are served.

Relationships deepen.

Churches become places where love is not just talked about—it is a moment that is experienced.

Small acts of service, multiplied across your church, create a culture of care.

Yet, there is also a personal transformation that takes place in you.

When you serve, your perspective changes. You experience spiritual impact.

You begin to see other people differently. You become more aware of needs. You become more sensitive to the leading of the Holy Spirit.

Serving shifts your focus from yourself to others—and in doing so, it draws you closer to the heart of God.

The impact of serving is often unseen.

You may never know how a kind word encouraged someone else. You may never see the full result of a simple act of generosity. Yet, that doesn't mean it has no impact.

In God's Kingdom, nothing done in love is ever wasted.

Every act of spiritual service is a planted seed.

In time, there is a harvest.

The body of Christ is strengthened, expanded, and sustained through everyday acts of service.

So don't underestimate what you can do. Don't underestimate what God can do through you.

When you serve others in the name of Jesus, you are participating in supernatural ministry far greater than you realize.

Serving Together: How Your Church—the Body of Christ—Functions at Its Best

The human body only functions properly when all its parts are working together.

The same is true of the body of Christ.

In Galatians 5:13, Paul writes, “Use your freedom to serve one another in love; that’s how freedom grows” (*The Message*). That is a powerful picture about how your church is meant to operate.

Serving is not meant to be isolated—it is meant to be multiplied.

In many churches, a small group of people reflect most of the ministry. They are Christ-followers who show up, step in, and make ministry happen. While their commitment is admirable, it is not the ideal picture of the body of Christ.

When only a few people are serving in ministry, the body of Christ is out of balance.

In many churches, God’s people are overworked. Others are underutilized. The result is burnout for some and disengagement for others.

However, when the whole body of Christ is engaged, everything changes.

Responsibility is shared. Ministry expands. Energy increases.

People experience a sense of ownership and belonging. Serving together creates unity.

When people work side by side, relationships form. Barriers come down. Differences become less significant. There is a shared sense of purpose.

This is how the body of Christ grows—not just numerically but relationally and spiritually too.

However, this requires intentionality.

It requires leaders who invite, equip, and encourage others to serve.

It requires individuals who are willing to step out of comfort and into action.

It requires a shift from “someone should do something” to “I can be part of the solution.”

Serving together also reflects the nature of God.

God Himself exists in perfect relationship—Father, Son, and Holy Spirit—working together in unity. When a church serves together, it reflects that divine pattern.

And that sends a message to the world.

Christians are groups of people, diverse in background and personality, working together in love and purpose. That is compelling!

This approach stands in contrast to a world often marked by division and self-interest.

When the body of Christ serves together, it becomes a powerful witness.

Others don't just hear about the love of Jesus—they see it in action.

However, this kind of community doesn't occur by accident.

It happens when individuals choose to engage in ministry.

God's people recognize that they are needed and understand that their ministry role matters.

The body of Christ—your church—functions at its best when every part (each person) is doing their part.

God's people do not serve perfectly, nor flawlessly, but faithfully.

When that occurs, the Church becomes a living, breathing expression of the love of Christ.

Serving in God's work is not just an activity.

It is how the body works.

When it works the way God designed it, the impact is extraordinary.

Conclusion: Small Group Study

Serving others is at the heart of Christian mission. We are not simply helpers who fill tasks. We are ambassadors of the King, sent to represent Jesus with humility, courage, and clarity. As you reflect on these lessons, consider how God has uniquely equipped you to contribute to His mission. Your spiritual gifts, your experiences, and your calling all work together to place you in your most effective position within the body of Christ.

This study has emphasized that mission requires more than good deeds. Acts of compassion matter, but they are most powerful when paired with the hope of the Gospel. The world is filled with people who serve, but only followers of Jesus carry a message that brings eternal transformation. The Church thrives when every believer moves from the sidelines to the field, living out their calling with purpose, humility, and joy.

Your next steps as a group are vital. Identify what it looks like to serve with sustainability, clarity, and spiritual authority. Consider how your church can shift from volunteerism to calling, from busyness to fruitfulness, from isolated efforts to unified mission. God has placed you in your community for a reason. The Holy Spirit has already given you everything needed to serve with impact.

As you complete this study, continue your journey by reading the rest of the *Focus On Mission* series together. These

resources will help you build a culture of mission, deepen your understanding of spiritual gifts, and strengthen your ability to lead others toward Christ. Let the weeks ahead move you toward practical action that brings spiritual renewal and community transformation.

Study Questions

What spiritual gifts do you believe God has given you, and how might they point toward your unique calling in mission?

Where in your church do you see people functioning as volunteers instead of called ambassadors, and what needs to change?

In what ways can your group or congregation pair social action with intentional Gospel sharing?

What examples of humility or “foot washing” leadership have you witnessed, and how could you model that posture in your community?

What steps could your church take to help more believers discover and use their spiritual gifts?

How can you strengthen personal rhythms of feeding on Scripture so you serve from abundance rather than exhaustion?

What bold, creative, or entrepreneurial mission idea is God stirring in you, and what first step could you take to explore it?



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