

# IMPROVING MY SERVE

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The Purpose Of Serving



**Choose To  
Serve**

A close-up photograph of a human hand, palm facing up, reaching towards the text. The hand is positioned to the right of the words 'Choose To' and 'Serve', with fingers slightly spread. The background is dark and out of focus.

The words servant, service, and serve appear over 100 times in various forms in the New Testament.



People are servants of other human beings or servants to God.





In the New Testament  
*doulos*

is frequently used to designate a master's slave (one bound to him), but also a follower of Christ (a bonds slave of Christ)

The term *doulos* points to a relationship of absolute dependence, in which the master and the servant stand on opposite sides.

The former having a full claim and the latter having a full commitment.

The servant can exercise no will or initiate on his/her own.

Christ himself took the form of a servant. Phil. 2:7

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Christ emptied Himself  
taking the form of  
a bond-servant

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Romans 6:17-18

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*17 But thanks be to God that though you were slaves of sin, you became obedient from the heart to that of teaching to which you were entrusted, 18 and after being freed from sin, you became slaves to righteousness.*

Romans 6:17-18

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10 Reason God expects each of us to serve:

1. We were created for service

*10 For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand so that we would walk in them.*

Ephesians 2:10

## 2. We were saved for service.

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**2 Tim. 1:9**

*9 who saved us and called us with a holy calling, not according to our works, but according to His own purpose and grace, which was granted to us in Christ Jesus from all eternity,*

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**Gal. 1:15**

*15 But when [a]He who had set me apart even from my mother's womb and called me through His grace was pleased*

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*4 Therefore I, the prisoner of the Lord, urge you to walk in a manner worthy of the calling with which you have been called,*

Ephesians 4:1

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*Joy in Serving the Body of Christ*



### **3. We are called to service.**

*12 for the equipping of the saints for the work of ministry, for the building up of the body of Christ;*

**Ephesians 4:12**



## 4. We are gifted for service.

*14 For the body is not one part, but many.*

*1 Corinthians 12:14*

*28 just as the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give His life as a ransom for many.” Matthew 20:28*

5. We are commanded to serve others.

*3 Do nothing from selfishness or empty conceit, but with humility consider one another as more important than yourselves; 4 do not merely look out for your own personal interests, but also for the interests of others.*

Philippians 2:3-4

# 6. My church family needs my service

*27 Now you are Christ's body, and individually parts of it.*

*1 Corinthians 12:27*

*16 from whom the whole body, being fitted and held together by what every joint supplies, according to the proper working of each individual part, causes the growth of the body for the building up of itself in love.*

*Ephesians 4:16*

# 7. We owe everything to Christ.

*10 For God is not unjust so as to forget your work and the love which you have shown toward His name, by having served and by still serving the saints. Hebrews 6:10*

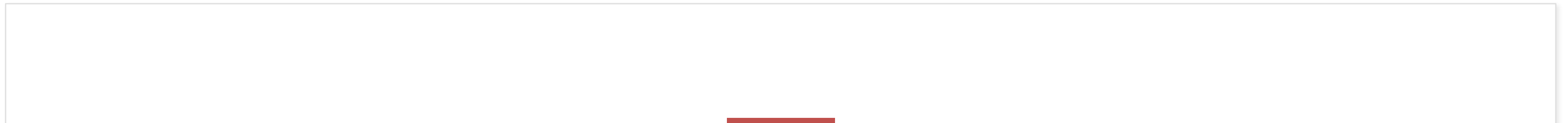
*12 What shall I repay to the Lord for all His benefits to me? Psalm 116:12*

*28 Be on guard for yourselves and for all the flock, among which the Holy Spirit has made you overseers, to shepherd the church of God which He purchased with His own blood. Acts 20:28*





8. Serving makes our life purposeful and meaningful.



*58 Therefore, my beloved brothers and sisters, be firm, immovable, always excelling in the work of the Lord, knowing that your labor is not in vain in the Lord.*

*1 Corinthians 15:58*

9. We will be held accountable for our service.

12 So then each one of us will give an account of himself to God.

Romans 14:12

*11 For no one can lay a foundation other than the one which is laid, which is Jesus Christ. 12 Now if anyone builds on the foundation with gold, silver, precious stones, wood, hay, or straw, 13 each one's work will become evident; for the day will show it because it is to be revealed with fire, and the fire itself will test the quality of each one's work. 14 If anyone's work which he has built on it remains, he will receive a reward. 15 If anyone's work is burned up, he will suffer loss; but he himself will be saved, yet only so as through fire. 1 Corinthians 3:11-15*



*9 Therefore we also have as our ambition, whether at home or absent, to be pleasing to Him. 10 For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, so that each one may receive compensation for [a]his deeds done through the body, in accordance with what he has done, whether good or bad.*

*2 Corinthians 5:9-10*

10. We will be rewarded for our service in eternity.

*26 If anyone serves Me, he must follow Me; and where I am, there My servant will be also; if anyone [b]serves Me, the Father will honor him. John 12:26*

*23 His master said to him, 'Well done, good and faithful slave. You were faithful with a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter the joy of your master.' Matthew 25:23*