



Humble Service

We Must Become Less and Learn to Serve

Service walks hand in hand with love; it is impossible to love someone truly without serving them. Christ lived a devout life of service, even to the point of washing his disciples' feet and dying for sinful people. He calls us to live in a sacrificial way as well. This means that we must serve both regularly and faithfully in the areas of our gifting to forward the mission of the church. The way we serve and love others reflects on the way we love and serve God.

Indicators of Growth:

1. **Humility** - minimizes arrogance and removes pride. It is understanding our fallen nature and tendency to think we are better than we are, and our striving to lift ourselves up above others and God. It is admitting that others, and more importantly God is responsible for our achievements. Humbleness will enable us to be a teachable person who is willing to have the attitude of submission and servanthood, one who confesses sin and remembers how Christ served us! ([Luke 22:27](#); [Phil. 2:8](#); [1 Peter 5:3-5](#))
2. **Generosity** - allows us to give to others because God has given abundantly to us. It is the wise use of stewardship and the attitude that all I have belongs to God and knowing we are the caretakers for His purpose. ([Deut. 16:17](#); [Matthew 10:8](#))
3. **Compassion** - lets us feel the pain and plight of others. It will enable us to convey a deep feeling of love and concern that moves us to meet their distresses, struggles, and needs. ([Job 29:13](#); [Isa. 40:11](#); [Mark 1:41](#); [Luke 19:4](#); [1 Peter 3:8](#))
4. **Availability** - willingness to adjust our own schedule, agenda, and plans to fit the right desires of God and others. It makes personal priorities secondary to the needs of God and others. It is to reflect God's priorities so we are always available to Him and others when we are serving. ([Mark 1:17-18](#); [Acts 16:10](#))
5. **Servant Leadership** - exercising real Godly leadership as Christ did, by His taking a towel, influencing, equipping, and empowering people to accomplish God's purpose and plan. ([Luke 22:26](#))

Ideas for Action to Grow in Humble Service:

1. Make specific acts of service part of your normal day or week at church and at home.
2. Celebrate and recognize the faithful service of others by thanking them with a text or a note.
3. Take 10-minute mission trips when you walk around and look for fun ways to serve others. Be anonymous when you can.
4. Experiment with new ways to serve! For more information, contact connections@shoreline.church.
5. Determine what "foot washing" looks like in different settings and seek to do the lowest and most humble kind of service - really stretch yourself in this!
6. Take a Spiritual Gifts Class and discover your God-given gifting. Then, find a way to use this gift at church, in your home, or in the community.
7. Go on a Shoreline Missions Trip!
8. Sign-up for a service project at with [Love Our Central Coast](#) and attend the Annual Serve Day with the whole family.

Resources for Growth in Humble Service:

Books/Articles

1. Corbett, Steve, Brian Fikkert, & John Perkins [*When Helping Hurts: How to Alleviate Poverty Without Hurting the Poor... And Yourself*](#),
2. Davis, Marshall & Brother Lawrence [*The Practice of the Presence of God in Modern English*](#),
3. Goff, Bob [*Love Does: Discover a Secretly Incredible Life in an Ordinary World*](#)
4. Harney, Kevin G. "Chapter 11: The Seismic Shift from Served to Serving" [*Seismic Shifts: The Little Changes that Make a Big Difference in Your Life*](#)
5. Keller, Timothy [*Every Good Endeavor: Connecting Your Work to God's Work*](#)
6. McPherson, Miles [*DO Something!: Make Your Life Count*](#)
7. Perman, Matthew Aaron [*What's Best Next: How the Gospel Transforms the Way You Get Things Done*](#)
8. Sauder, Doug [*The One Factor: How One Changes Everything*](#)
9. Sears, Andrew ["Website Enables Virtual Volunteering and Virtual Missionaries"](#)
Christian News Wire, 13 March 2019
10. Stearns, Richard [*The Hole in Our Gospel: What Does God Expect of Us? The Answer That Changed My Life and Might Just Change the World*](#)

Sermons/Podcasts/Bible Studies

1. [Everyday Words 4-Part Video Series](#). RightNow Media
2. ["Meeting Jesus: The Suffering Servant Son of God"](#) Shoreline Church, Pastor Shawn Stoud, 5 May 2019
3. ["Metrics... Measurements that Matter: Humble Service"](#) Shoreline Church, Pastor Kevin Harney, 4 March 2018

Resources for Kids

1. Goff, Bob [Love Does for Kids](#)