

THE KEY TO TRUE SUCCESS & FULFILLMENT

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I. WHY SHOULD I BECOME A SACRIFICIAL SERVANT?

1. SERVANTHOOD IS A KEY TO _____

²⁴ But my life is worth nothing to me unless I use it for finishing the work assigned me by the Lord Jesus—the work of telling others the Good News about the wonderful grace of God... ³⁵ And I have been a constant example of how you can help those in need by working hard. You should remember the words of the Lord Jesus: ‘It is more blessed to give than to receive.’ Acts 20:24 & 35

2. ONE OF OUR PRIMARY WAYS OF LOVING GOD _____

³⁶ “Teacher, which is the most important commandment in the law of Moses?” ³⁷ Jesus replied, “‘You must love the LORD your God with all your heart, all your soul, and all your mind.’ ³⁸ This is the first and greatest commandment. ³⁹ A second is equally important: ‘Love your neighbor as yourself.’ ⁴⁰ The entire law and all the demands of the prophets are based on these two commandments.” Matthew 22:36-40

³⁴ Then the King will say to those on his right, ‘Come, you who are blessed by my Father, inherit the Kingdom prepared for you from the creation of the world. ³⁵ For I was hungry, and you fed me. I was thirsty, and you gave me a drink. I was a stranger, and you invited me into your home. ³⁶ I was naked, and you gave me clothing. I was sick, and you cared for me. I was in prison, and you visited me.’ ... ⁴⁰ And the King will say, ‘I tell you the truth, when you did it to one of the least of these my brothers and sisters, you were doing it to me!’” Matthew 25:34-40

3. LOVING OTHERS _____

¹⁵ Suppose you see a brother or sister who has no food or clothing, ¹⁶ and you say, ‘Good-bye and have a good day; stay warm and eat well’—but then you don’t give that person any food or clothing. What good does that do? ¹⁷ So you see, faith by itself isn’t enough. Unless it produces good deeds, it is dead and useless.” James 2:15-17

⁹ Don’t just pretend to love others. Really love them. Hate what is wrong. Hold tightly to what is good. ¹⁰ Love each other with genuine affection, and take delight in honoring each other. ¹¹ Never be lazy, but work hard and serve the Lord enthusiastically.” Romans 12:9-11

LOVING LIKE JESUS _____

¹² This is my commandment: Love each other in the same way I have loved you. ¹³ There is no greater love than to lay down one’s life for one’s friends. “John 15:12-13

4. A LIFESTYLE OF SACRIFICIAL SERVANTHOOD IS _____

³ And we can be sure that we know him if we obey his commandments. ⁴ If someone claims, “I know God,” but doesn’t obey God’s commandments, that person is a liar and is not living in the truth. ⁵ But those who obey God’s word truly show how completely they love him. That is how we know we are living in him. ⁶ Those who say they live in God should live their lives as Jesus did.” 1 John 2:3-6

²⁸ For even I, the Son of Man, came here not to be served but to serve others, and to give my life as a ransom for many.” Matthew 20:28

5. THERE IS MUCH _____

³⁷ He said to his disciples, “The harvest is great, but the workers are few. ³⁸ So pray to the Lord who is in charge of the harvest; ask him to send more workers into his fields.” Matthew 9:37-38

6. THE _____ REQUIRES IT

“⁷A spiritual gift is given to each of us so we can help each other...²⁷ All of you together are Christ’s body, and each of you is a part of it.” 1 Corinthians 12:7 & 27

“¹⁶ He makes the whole body fit together perfectly. As each part does its own special work, it helps the other parts grow, so that the whole body is healthy and growing and full of love.” Ephesians 4:16

WHEN ALL PARTS OF THE BODY ARE NOT DOING THEIR JOB:

i. MINISTERS _____

ii. REGULAR ATTENDERS _____

iii. NEEDS _____

7. THE _____ REQUIRE IT

“¹³ For “Everyone who calls on the name of the LORD will be saved.”¹⁴ But how can they call on him to save them unless they believe in him? And how can they believe in him if they have never heard about him? And how can they hear about him unless someone tells them? ¹⁵ And how will anyone go and tell them without being sent? That is why the Scriptures say, “How beautiful are the feet of messengers who bring good news!” Romans 10:13-15

II. HOW TO BECOME A SACRIFICIAL SERVANT

1. GIVE IN & SELL OUT TO THE ONE _____

“⁹If you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. ¹⁰For it is by believing in your heart that you are made right with God, and it is by confessing with your mouth that you are saved.” Romans 10:9-10

2. DEVELOP THE _____ & RESIST THE _____

“⁵ You must have the same attitude that Christ Jesus had. ⁶ Though he was God, he did not think of equality with God as something to cling to. ⁷ Instead, he gave up his divine privileges, he took the humble position of a slave and was born as a human being. When he appeared in human form, ⁸ he humbled himself in obedience to God and died a criminal’s death on a cross.” Philippians 2:5-11

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Ask Not What Your Church Can Do For You, Ask What You Can Do For Your Church

3. FIND AN ONGOING MINISTRY TO _____

“¹⁰ For we are God's masterpiece. He has created us anew in Christ Jesus, so that we can do the good things he planned for us long ago.” Ephesians 2:10

“¹⁰ God has given each of you a gift from his great variety of spiritual gifts. Use them well to serve one another.” 1 Peter 4:10

“⁵ If you need wisdom--if you want to know what God wants you to do--ask him, and he will gladly tell you. He will not resent your asking.” James 1:5

4. CONSTANTLY LOOK FOR _____

i. Constantly _____ Opportunities To Serve Others

“²⁴ Listen to me! You can pray for anything, and if you believe, you will have it.” Mark 11:24

ii. Constantly _____ Opportunities To Serve Others

*“¹⁰ For God is the one who gives seed to the farmer and then bread to eat. In the same way, he will give you many opportunities to do good, and he will produce a great harvest of generosity in you.”
2 Corinthians 9:10*

iii. Constantly _____ Opportunities To Serve Other

“¹⁶ Make the most of every opportunity for doing good in these evil days.” Ephesians 5:16

5. WORK MY E-LIST REGULARLY, BY _____

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Matthew 5:13-15*

6. WHENEVER I SERVE, GIVE _____

“²³ Work hard and cheerfully at whatever you do, as though you were working for the Lord rather than for people. ²⁴ Remember that the Lord will give you an inheritance as your reward, and the Master you are serving is Christ.” Colossians 3:23-24

7. _____ MY LIFE & KEEP MY _____

“¹ Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a huge crowd of witnesses to the life of faith, let us strip off every weight that slows us down, especially the sin that so easily trips us up. And let us run with endurance the race God has set before us. ² We do this by keeping our eyes on Jesus, the champion who initiates and perfects our faith.” Hebrews 12:1-2