

“Ministers of Christ”

## Ephesians 4:11,12

And He gave some as apostles, some as prophets, some as evangelists, some as pastors and teachers, for the equipping of the saints for the work of ministry, for the building up of the body of Christ;

- 1. Serving is an integral part of discipleship, providing each of us with a unique opportunity to be like Jesus.**

**2. Serving is one way that we cultivate the virtue of humility.**

**“The focus of health in the soul is humility, while the root of inward corruption is pride. In the spiritual life, nothing stands still. If we are not constantly growing downward into humility, we shall be steadily swelling up and running to seed under the influence of pride.”**

***-J.I. Packer***

**“More than any other single way the grace of humility is worked into our lives through the discipline of service...When we set out on a consciously chosen course of action that accents the good of others and is for the most part a hidden work, a deep change occurs in our spirit.”**

***- Richard Foster***

**“Nothing disciplines the inordinate desires of the flesh like service, and nothing transforms the desires of the flesh like serving in hiddenness. The flesh whines against service, but screams against hidden service.”**

***- Richard Foster***

**“Hiddenness is a rebuke to the flesh  
and can deal a death blow to pride.”**

**- *Richard Foster***



**3. Serving is a means by which we reflect the values of the Kingdom of God.**

**4. Serving is one way that we show ourselves to be faithful stewards.**

## 1 Peter 4:10

As each one has received a special gift, employ it in serving one another as good stewards of the multifaceted grace of God.

## Romans 12:6

However, since we have gifts that differ according to *the grace given to us*, each of us is to use them properly:

**“When the New Testament speaks of ministering to the saints, it means not primarily preaching to them but devoting time, trouble, and substance to giving them all the practical help possible. The essence of Christian service is loyalty to the king expressing itself in care for his servants”**

**- J.I. Packer**

**5. Serving is the Way that we  
fulfill our Mission**

## **Matthew 20:28**

**“the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve and to give His life a ransom for many”**

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- 2. Is one way that we cultivate the virtue of humility**
- 3. Is a means by which we reflect the values of the Kingdom of God**
- 4. Is one way that we show ourselves to be faithful stewards**
- 5. Is the Way that we fulfill our Mission**



