

LIFE'S APPS  
**"THE SERVE APP"**  
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"We are God's workmanship, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do." Ephesians 2:10 (NIV)

**S**piritual Gifts **H**ear **A**bilities **P**ersonality **E**xperiences

"Each one should use whatever gift he's received to serve others." 1 Peter 4:10 (NIV)

Jesus: "...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 (NIV)

## LEARNING TO SERVE LIKE JESUS

### 1. **Serving like Jesus means being AVAILABLE.**

"Two blind men... shouted, 'Lord, have mercy on us!' ...Jesus stopped and called them. 'What do you want Me to do for you?' He asked." Matthew 20:30-32 (NIV)

"If you can help your neighbor now, don't say, 'Come back tomorrow, and then I'll help you.'" Proverbs 3:28 (NLT)

### **1st barrier: BUSY**

"Each of you should look not only to your own interests, but also to the interests of others." Philippians 2:4 (NIV)

### **2nd barrier: PERFECTIONISM**

"If you wait for perfect conditions, you'll never get anything done." Ecclesiastes 11:4 (NLT)

### **3rd barrier: MATERIALISM**

"No servant can serve two masters... You cannot serve both God and money." Luke 16:13 (NIV)

### **2. **Serving like Jesus means being GRATEFUL.****

"Jesus looked up and said, 'Father, I thank you that you have heard Me. I knew that you always hear Me, but I said this for the benefit of the people standing here...'" John 11:41-42 (NIV)

"Serve the Lord with gladness." Psalm 100:2 (KJV)

### **3. **Serving like Jesus means being FAITHFUL.****

"I have brought You glory on earth by completing the work You gave me to do." John 17:4 (NIV)

"Therefore, my dear brothers, stand firm. Let nothing move you. Always give yourselves fully to the work of the Lord, because you know that your labor in the Lord is not in vain." 1 Corinthians 15:58 (NIV)

# TIME WITH GOD

Brief daily Bible studies based on this week's message

This week's memory verse:

***"Just as each of us has one body with many members, and these members do not all have the same function, so in Christ we who are many form one body, and each member belongs to all the others."***

Romans 12:4-5

## Monday

Write down one thing from the sermon that stood out to you. How has that impacted your thinking?

What did you learn about the way Jesus served?

Read Acts 2:42-47. List the characteristics of the early Church. How did these qualities help the Church grow?

*Thank God today for the Bible. Thank Him for the people who have gone before you and helped establish and grow the Church. Ask God to use you to continue His plan for reaching out to the world.*

## Tuesday

Read Matthew 28:16-20, John 17:20-23 & Acts 11:19-21, 27-30.

According to Matthew 28 and John 17 what were Jesus' instructions to the Church?

How was the Acts church struggling to live this out? How were they succeeding?

Write down two ways you can give of your resources to help others experience God's love.

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- 2.

*Thank God today that He has a place for you in the Church. Thank Him for His amazing grace. Pray that you will daily submit your resources to God's control.*

## Wednesday

Read Matthew 4:18-22, Mark 10:28-31, Acts 13:1-3. Have you ever left behind the familiar in order to obey God? What has been the result of that decision?

How did the early Church's obedience to God make an impact?

God's economy is not like the world's - where the world says to hold the best for yourself God says to give it up for eternity and it will be multiplied. How have you seen the truth of this in your life?

*Thank God today that your service can have an impact for eternity. Talk to Him about any areas where you're struggling to obey His leading - especially the areas that involve leaving behind the familiar.*

## Thursday

Read Ephesians 1:1-14 at least twice and soak in these amazing words!

Write down the spiritual blessings you have in Christ.

How can understanding all that you enjoy in Christ impact your heart and ministry to others?

*Thank God today for the amazing blessings He has given you. Pray that you'll be a conduit of His blessings to those you cross paths with today.*

## Friday

Read 2 Corinthians 4. Paul was one of the best and brightest in his day and he gave up everything to follow God. What do you learn in this passage about the reality of following God?

How do these verses give you hope? How will you apply them specifically to your life?

*Thank God today that no matter what you encounter in the days ahead God will be with you. Thank Him that your service to Him is never in vain.*

## Saturday

Today polish up that memory verse. Please pray also for services this weekend, that God's presence would be sensed in a powerful way.