

Sacrificial Service

Definition: *Unselfishly living for & serving others out of humility, compassion & gratitude - understanding the grace that we have received in Christ.*

Relevant Scripture

Matthew 22:37-40

Mark 10:45

Romans 12:10-16

Phil 2:5-11

1 Corinthians 12:4-11

Galatians 5:13

Suggested study:

A Long Obedience in the Same Direction, Discipleship in an Instant Society by Eugene Peterson (2000)

Improving Your Serve, The Art of Unselfish Living by Chuck Swindoll (1981)

Discover Your Spiritual Gifts the Network Way by Bruce Bugbee (2004)

On-going Practice/Spiritual Disciplines:

1. Pray God will open doors for you to serve others with the ‘mind of Christ’ as a humble servant.
2. Say yes to opportunities to help others (family, neighbors, colleagues, strangers) who cannot pay you back.
3. Be a generous person. Give freely of your income, time and skills to sacrificially bless others with the blessing you have received from God.

Suggested experiences:

- Evaluate your spiritual gifts, passions, abilities, personality, and experiences through the Network book or in conversation with others or through an online assessment. Then whole-heartedly spend your “gifts” for the glory of God. <https://www.freeshapetest.com> or <https://spiritualgiftstest.com>.
- Determine how to serve within our church. Volunteer to serve with children, youth or adult ministry.
- Identify a need in your local community and bring the ‘spirit of Christian service’ to an organization that assists others.