

## A Lifestyle of Service

Galatians 6:7-10

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## Daily Bible Readings

February 16-22

### Introduction

We believe that we have been sent into the world as Jesus was sent, **not to be served, but to serve.** This service is an expression of God's love in action. We believe that we are called to express God's special concern for the poor, the needy, the alien, and the oppressed. We have a particular responsibility to those in distress in our own towns and communities, as well as to fellow Christians in need.

#### I. "Therefore" – The Consequences of Our Service

II Corinthians 9:6; Proverbs 22:8

chronos = clock time

kairos = opportune time

#### "As we have opportunity" The Context of our Service

A. Different networks of relationship

B. Different SHAPES

Spiritual gifts

Heart

Abilities

Personality

Experiences

C. Different schedules

#### "Let us do good" - The Character of our Service

kalos = good (beautiful, attractive)

agathos = good (morally worthy)

Luke 6:35; Acts 9:36

eu = good (pleasing)

Acts 10:36

#### IV. "To all people" The Compass of our Service

Matthew 12:15

#### "Especially to those who belong to the family of believers" -

The Core of our Service

Luke 22:27

Service is the use of our God-given presence, position, influence and resources to bring benefit and blessing to others. (Greg Waybright)

### Follow-Throughs

What examples of serving and "doing good" do you see in the life of the early church? What were the impact of these deeds on the lives of others around?

How do you see the early Christians seizing opportunities, expanding their networks, using their individual gifts and abilities?

Ask the Lord to open your eyes this week to see the opportunities, the divinely-designed openings, in order to express the heart of Jesus in practical action.

Monday      Acts 2:37-47

Tuesday     Acts 3:1-26

Wednesday   Acts 4:1-36

Thursday     Acts 6:1-7

Friday        Acts 9:32-43

Saturday     Acts 10:1-48

Sunday:      Acts 11:19-30