

# P.U.R.**S**.U.E Excellence

A Church that Serves: Foundation for Christian Service

*Bible Study for May 21, 2020*  
*WORD For Life Church Ministries*  
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# Lesson objective

To the various ways the Bible addresses service and its impact on the way believers--and the Church--are identified with God.

As a result of this session, we will:

1. Develop a biblical theology for service
2. Know the importance of service to God
3. Know reasons for service to others



*At the core of Christian love and neighborliness is **service**. We must serve as unto God; which is to say that our ministry to one other and to our neighbor, is how we serve the Lord. The best of who we are and hope to be is tied to our service.*

– Rev. Larrin Robertson




# Why Should Christians Serve?




# Biblical theology for service

What does the Bible say about service?

- Matt. 5:16: Service is a “tangible” way for people to **recognize** God at work in the world.
  - Matt. 20:25-28: Service **liberates** us from self and **identifies** us with Jesus.
  - Luke 17:5-10: Service is **expected** of believers.
  - 1 Cor. 12:4-7: Service is a **Spirit**-inspired activity.
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# Biblical theology for service *(cont'd.)*

What does the Bible say about service?

- Eph. 2:8-10: Service is our response to God's **grace** toward us and is how God **purposed** us to be.
  - Eph. 4:11-12: Service is God's prescription for **individual** and **corporate** health and growth.
  - 1 Peter 4:7-11: Service brings **glory** to God and demonstrates our **alignment** with God.
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## Biblical theology for service *(cont'd.)*


Taken together, one biblically-oriented theology for service is:

***Christian service is a means by which God receives glory through the exercise of faith, as such exercise is undertaken for God's glory and fulfillment of God's purposes in the world.***



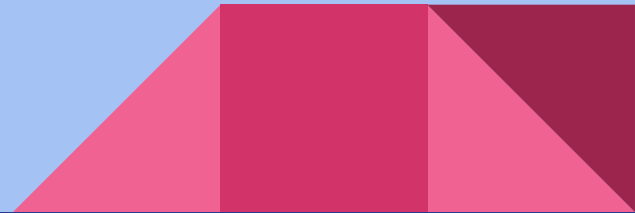
# Importance of service to God

A necessary aspect of service that we must not forget, is our service to God. Following are a few notes on the importance of service to God:

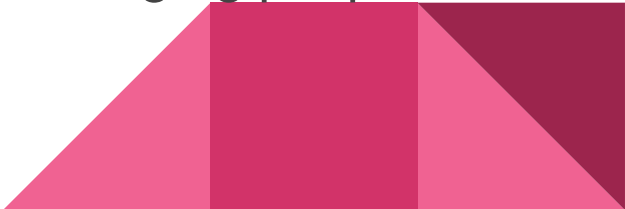
- Deut 11:13-17 - Service to God reveals God's **providential** plan.
  - John 12:25-26 - Service to Christ, reveals how God **honors** those who trust God.
  - Rom 12:1 - Service to God is an **act** of **worship** that we owe to God.
  - 1 Cor 15:58 - Service to God is not **wasted**.
  - Col 3:23-24 - Service **represents** our view of God.
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**Questions?**



# Reason for service to another

1. The Holy Spirit has **gifted** us for service to demonstrate the Church's diversity of gifts and ways we can minister to another.
  2. To demonstrate our **alignment** with God.
  3. To **further** the Gospel.
  4. We **love** God.
  5. To demonstrate who we are as a means of **encouraging** people to join our cause.
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# A Prayer

Lord, help me to serve freely and wholeheartedly out of love for You and others. Help me to give of myself regardless of the reaction of others and to find satisfaction in this act of love alone.

Jesus, I trust in You.


*My Catholic Life*

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=f0bA6ylyuO8>

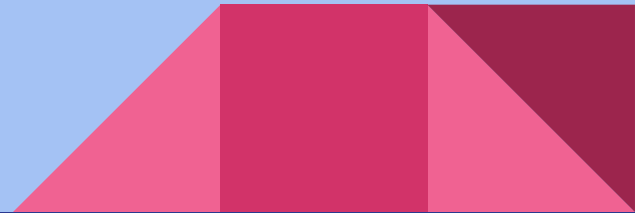
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# For ongoing consideration

1. In what areas of service are you strongest? In what areas of service can you most improve?
  2. How have you been affected by this lesson? In other words, to what will you commit that you have not previously committed to?
  3. Do you believe your ability to serve at WFLCM has been hindered in any way? If so, in what ways have you been hindered from serving?
  4. How have you improved, or what can you celebrate, in terms of service?
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**Questions?**



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