

Serving Gift

“Serving” – The Toolbox

Romans 12:7 “If your grace-gift is serving, then Thrive in serving others well.”

See a need & Fill it

- Problem solving
- Revelational solutions to needs
- Heightened awareness of need
- Ideas to better processes



1. Expression of Christ:

- a. He cares about our needs
 - i. Salvation - **Galatians 3:13**
 - ii. Feeding the 5000 – **Mark 6**
 - iii. Water into wine – **John 2**
 - iv. Spirit – Soul – Body

2. Strengths:

- a. Intense ability to recognize the practical needs in a situation
- b. Meticulous way of working, taking care for excellence
- c. Strong vision for making the camp work
- d. Can often be a genius with their hands – grown in it, don’t sweat it
- e. If a tool is missing, they’ll find a way to replicate it

3. Weaknesses:

- a. Can hide behind their serving when God is calling them to something scary
- b. Put others’ needs before their own in an unhealthy way – personal life can suffer
- c. Can endeavor in unrealistic pursuits – *must discern times and seasons*
- d. Lack of personal, family, marriage priorities over the needs of others

4. Blind Spots:

- a. Unaware of their fuel tank level – *burnout can happen if they’re not surrendered to Christ in obedience over needs.*
- b. Could become driven to get jobs done over seeing people’s feelings
- c. Might come across as angry when things don’t work as planned – learn flexibility
- d. Often forsakes investing in their spiritual life becoming too task focused
 - i. **Matthew 6:33** “Seek first the kingdom...”

5. When Tired or Unhealthy

- a. Frustration with not being able to meet every need they see
- b. Feel like a failure
- c. Overwhelmed with the needs around them – You are not Jesus!
- d. Resist rest, seeing it as laziness

6. When Maturing in Temperance:

- a. Holds healthy boundaries; flex your “NO” muscle
- b. Keenly discerns times and seasons; knowing your “yes” and “no”
- c. Value will come from your identity in Christ – you are not what you do!
- d. Communication skills will grow and mature
- e. Healthy confidence in the upgrades God gives them

7. The Enemy may Accuse:

- a. “You’re not doing enough”, “You’re lazy”
- b. Self-rejection – can feel unseen or not honored
- c. “You’re not spiritual enough”

8. Wisdom for Maturity:

- a. Be still and know (reflect and see) that God is in the now
- b. Make your personal health a priority – when you’re healthy, your relationships are healthy
- c. Receive comfort and encouragement from others
- d. Learn to rest – “cease to flow from within”

9. Function in the Church:

- a. Service; poor and widows
- b. Functional needs – charity events, functional benevolence
- c. Activate the Body to be the hands and feet of Christ
- d. Show the way to practical service and meeting needs of the community

10. Function in the Marketplace:

- a. Meeting needs of people – see a problem, find a solution and act
- b. Entrepreneurial – inventions
- c. Don’t get stuck in a job positions or field when God says to move

11. Wisdom in Marriage:

- a. Tend to the needs of your marriage
- b. Grow in communication with your spouse – listen and articulate your needs
- c. Be present – Mary vs. Martha
- d. Tend to your spiritual and physical health – two halves don’t make a whole
- e. Boundaries

12. Wisdom in Parenting:

- a. Don’t let your kids watch you serve everybody’s need and forsake theirs
- b. Teach your kids to be self-sufficient; not every need should be met
- c. Be careful of burnout because of filling needs in an unhealthy way
- d. Presence over perfection – Mary vs. Martha
- e. Boundaries