

Seven Pillars of Faith at Work - Serve

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Executive Summary

LIVING OUT YOUR LIFE BY SERVING OTHERS

Scripture:

“As each has received a gift, use it to serve one another, as good stewards of God's varied grace.” *1 Peter 4:10*

“I showed you in all things that you should work as I did and help the weak. I taught you to remember the words Jesus said: ‘It is more blessed to give than to receive.’” *Acts 20:35*

My beliefs about serving?

- Everyone has something to give.
- Most people are willing to give when they see the need and have the opportunity.
- Everyone can do something for someone RIGHT NOW.

Why don't we serve others?

- Too busy
- Not enough time
- Don't know how
- Don't know what to say to people in need
- Don't have the financial resources – money is the easy part.
- We don't “see” what is going on around us

How to start serving others:

1. **Start Small** – we can't get good at this unless we start small and work towards bigger goals.
 - Emails, cards, phone calls, personal visits
2. **Eliminate these words from your vocabulary:**
 - Eliminate “Let me know if there is anything I can do for you”
 - Replace with “Here's what I'm going to do for you today”
 - Start now! Reach out to someone you know going through a life changing event
3. **Be Aware** of your surroundings
 - Take time to look
 - You will find several examples each week with people you encounter at work, neighborhood, or church
4. Do something to **SERVE every single day.**
 - Put it on your calendar until it becomes habit
 - Keep a journal

Final Thought:

When people begin to SERVE others, they've realized how easy it was to just start, regardless of their current circumstances and resources.

Resources:

Book – “The Power of Serving Others”, Gary Morsch and Dean Nelson