

Everyone Can Serve or Volunteer

Work at everything you do with all your heart. Work as if you were working for the Lord, not for human masters. Work because you know that you will finally receive as a reward what the Lord wants you to have. You are serving the Lord Christ.

–Colossians 3:23-24 NIV

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People at Spirit of Mercy Community Day Program in Fort Collins, Colorado, serve God by serving others in need. Each week, the group delivers Meals on Wheels to senior citizens living in the community. People at Nelson/Ashcraft Community Life Day Program in Englewood, Colorado, assist a local church by doing light cleaning on Friday mornings. This service helps keep the church facilities looking neat and clean. Senior high youth volunteer all over the country at camp ministries such as Camp Bethesda in Texas and SonRise in Indiana. They serve others because they love Jesus.

God's Word in the Bible tells us to serve others with all our heart. Serving with all our heart means to serve with a happy attitude. To serve this way, we can serve God and others by doing something we like to do.

- ***What are some things that you like to do?***
- ***Can you use these gifts and abilities to serve others? How?***

We may like being around people, so we might want to serve others by keeping someone company or helping them out at home. Our talents may be baking and cooking, so God might use us to serve meals. We may be good with our hands and like to build with wood or fix something that is broken. God may use us to work around the house or church. We may be faithful at praying, so God may have us pray for others.

- ***Think about your church or Bible class. How can you volunteer your time there?***
- ***Think about where you live. How can you volunteer your time at home or in the community?***

PRAYER

Dear heavenly Father, thank you for serving us by giving your son, Jesus, to die on the cross to save us from our sins. Please forgive us when we choose not to serve you. Please forgive us when we don't want to share our gifts with others. Fill our hearts so we are willing to serve you and others. We want others to know you and your love for them. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.