

USING YOUR SPIRITUAL GIFTS TO SERVE EACH OTHER AS SISTERS IN CHRIST

“Serve one another, each according to the gift he has received, as good stewards of the many forms of God’s grace.” 1 Peter 4:10

Underline the commands for us from God

“The end of all things is near. So have sound judgment and be self-controlled for the sake of your prayers. Above all, love each other constantly, because love covers a multitude of sins. Be hospitable to one another without complaining.

Serve one another, each according to the gift he has received, as good stewards of the many forms of God’s grace. If anyone speaks, let him do it as one speaking the messages of God. If anyone serves, let him do it as one serving with the strength God supplies so that God may be glorified in every way through Jesus Christ. To him belong the glory and the power forever and ever. Amen.” 1 Peter 4:7-10

WHAT ELSE DOES GOD SAY?

2 Timothy 3:16-17 “All Scripture is God breathed and is useful for teaching, for rebuking, for correcting, and for training in righteousness, so that the man of God may be complete, well equipped for every good work.”

Colossians 2:6-7 “Therefore, just as you received Christ Jesus as Lord, continue to walk in him, by being rooted and built up in him, and strengthened in the faith just as you were taught, while you overflow in faith with thanksgiving.”

1 Timothy 2:1 “First of all, then, I urge that petitions, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for all people.”

Philippians 2:1-4 “So if there is any encouragement in Christ, if any comfort from his love, if any fellowship with the Spirit, if any affection and compassion, then make my joy complete by being like-minded, having the same love, being united in spirit, and having one mind. Do nothing out of selfish ambition or empty conceit, but in humility consider one another better than yourselves. Let each of you look carefully not only to your own interests, but also to the interests of others.”

John 13:14 “Now if I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another’s feet.”

Hebrews 10:24-25 “Let us also consider carefully how to spur each other on to love and good works. Let us not neglect meeting together, as some have the habit of doing. Rather, let us encourage each other, and all the more as you see the Day approaching.”

1 Peter 3:8 “Finally, all of you, live in harmony with one another. Show sympathy, brotherly love, compassion, and humility.”

Before You I Kneel by Keith and Kristyn Getty

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Before You I kneel, my Master and Maker,
to offer the work of my hands.
For this is the day You’ve given Your servant;
I will rejoice and be glad
for the strength I have to live and breathe,
for each skill Your grace has given me,
for the needs and opportunities
that will glorify Your great name.

Before You I kneel and ask for Your goodness
to cover the work of my hands,
for patience and peace to shape all my labor;
Your grace for thorns in my path.
Flow within me like a living stream;
wear away the stones of pride and greed,
‘til Your ways are dwelling deep in me
and a harvest of life is grown.

Before You we kneel, our Master and Maker;
establish the work of our hands,
and order our steps to seek first Your kingdom
in ev’ry small and great task.
May we live the gospel of Your grace,
serve Your purpose in our fleeting days,
then our lives will bring eternal praise
and all glory to Your great name.

Based on:

*Psalm 90:17 “May the kindness of the Lord our God rest upon us.
Establish the work of our hands for us. Yes, establish the work of our hands.”*

Psalm 118:24 “This is the day the Lord has made. Let us rejoice and be glad in it.”

*Ephesians 2:10 “For we are God’s workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works,
which God prepared in advance so that we would walk in them.”*

NOW WHAT DO I DO?

Ross said use the NIKE slogan “Just Do It”.



Words we underlined from...

1 Peter 4

- ✓ have sound judgment
- ✓ be self-controlled for the sake of your prayers
- ✓ love each other constantly
- ✓ be hospitable to one another without complaining
- ✓ serve one another
- ✓ speak as one speaking the messages of God

2 Timothy 3

- ✓ teaching, for rebuking, for correcting, and for training in righteousness

1 Timothy 2

- ✓ petitions, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for all people

Philippians 2

- ✓ being like-minded, having the same love, being united in spirit, and having one mind

John 13

- ✓ wash one another's feet

Hebrews 10

- ✓ spur each other on to love and good works
- ✓ not neglect meeting together
- ✓ let us encourage each other

1 Peter 3

- ✓ live in harmony with one another
- ✓ show sympathy, brotherly love, compassion, and humility

HOW CAN I DO THAT?

Start with your immediate family, then relatives, friends at church and the synod, ladies in general like shut-ins, new members

EXAMPLES:

Pray for and with each other

Cards and notes, texts, Facebook (post Bible verses, etc.)

Bear each others burdens - in sickness, death, wayward child... (cancer mtg, infertility/adoption)

Write for The Branches

Share devotion books, passages

Meet for Bible Study (big and small group)

Share time and LISTEN (live or by phone) over coffee

Get together at ladies' meetings, Christmas party or Christmas Music Festival, family/friend game night

Encourage the pastors, teachers, professors, college and seminary students

Serve others in retirement - "Seniors Serving Seniors"

Pantry & Gift Card Shower for new pastor, teacher or members

Take a meal to a new mom, new member, someone ill

Make meals for work days, funerals, ...

TRY TO FOLLOW UP WITH THE ABOVE

LET'S DO IT?

This is what I want to do:

Questions or Comments?

Prayer:

Colossians 1:9-14 “For this reason, from the day we heard about your love, we also have not stopped praying for you. We keep asking that you would be filled with the knowledge of his will in all wisdom and spiritual understanding, so that you might live in a way that is worthy of the Lord. Our goal is that you please him by bearing fruit in every kind of good work and by growing in the knowledge of God, as you are being strengthened with all power because of his glorious might working in you. Then you will have complete endurance and patience, joyfully giving thanks to the Father, who qualified us to share in the inheritance of the saints in the kingdom of light.

The Father rescued us from the domain of darkness and transferred us into the kingdom of the Son he loves, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.”

Lord, Help Us Walk Your Servant Way

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1. Lord, help us walk Your servant way
wherever love may lead
and, bending low, forgetting self,
each serve the other’s need.
2. You came to earth, O Christ, as Lord,
but pow’r You laid aside.
You lived Your years in servanthood,
in lowliness You died.
3. No golden scepter but a towel
You place within the hands
of those who seek to follow You
and live by Your commands.
4. You bid us bend our human pride
nor count ourselves above
the lowest place, the meanest task
that waits the gift of love.
5. Lord, help us walk Your servant way
wherever love may lead
and, bending low, forgetting self,
each serve the other’s need.

Based on:

John 13:4-17 Jesus washes the disciples’ feet

Mark 10:35-45 “...Instead, whoever wants to be great among you will be your servant, and whoever wants to be first among you will be a slave of all. For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many.”