



Growing Through Serving Others

GOD'S INGREDIENTS FOR GROWTH #4 NOAH LARGENT 7/7/13

Forgiveness
Humility
Authenticity
Community
Service
Grace
His Word
**God's
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For Growth**

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We Were Created To Serve:

For we are God's handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do. -*Ephesians 2:10*

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*You were designed to make a difference. You're not here by accident. God put you on this planet to make a specific contribution. What matters is not the **duration** of your life but the **donation** of your life. The Bible says that God put you here to give back. To make a difference. Nobody can just be a consumer, we're all expected to be contributors.* -Rick Warren, *Shaped to Serve.*

Following Jesus Example:

Even as the Son of Man came *not to be served but to serve*, and to give his life as a ransom for many. -*Matthew 20:28*

⁴he got up from the meal, took off his outer clothing, and wrapped a towel around his waist. ⁵After that, he poured water into a basin and began to wash his disciples' feet ⁶I have set you an example that you should do as I have done for you. ³⁴"A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another. ³⁵By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another." -*John 13*

⁵You should have the *same attitude* toward one another that Christ Jesus had ⁶Who, being in very nature God, did not consider equality with God something to be used to his own advantage; ⁷rather, *he made himself nothing by taking the very nature of a servant.* -*Phil. 2:5-7*

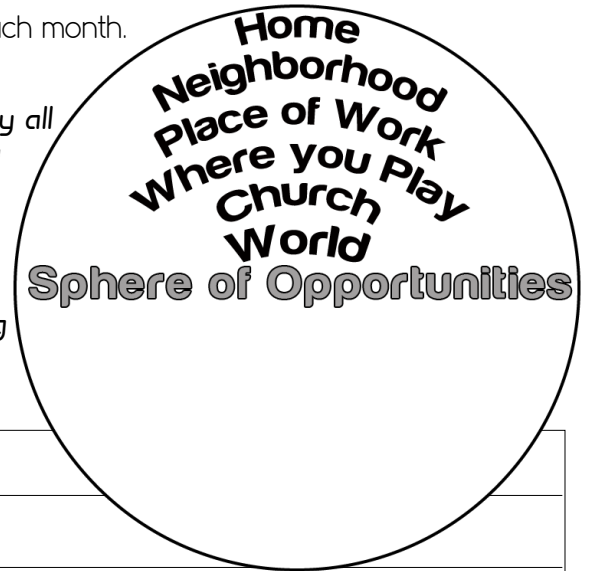
Common Roadblocks:

- ❖ One word: PROCRASTINATION.
"Never tell your neighbors to wait until tomorrow if you can help them out now." -*Proverbs 3:28*
- ❖ Just like Moses, we think there has to be *someone else* better for the job.
- ❖ Many of us are overextended & don't live with any *margins* in our schedules.
- ❖ Some are not convinced that *servicing others* is really a better investment than *servicing ourselves*.

Seeing all the Opportunities:

- ❖ Praying for Others.
- ❖ Sharing with others: Who God is; What He has done for you; and How He is changing you.
- ❖ Setting aside time every week.
- ❖ Setting aside money each month.

"Do all the good you can, by all the means you can, in all the ways you can, in all the places you can, at all the times you can, to all the people you can, as long as you can." -*John Wesley*



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