

His Heart. Our Hands. Loving our world.



Serving our community in the name of Jesus Christ.
and growing in Christ-likeness.



Called to be servants.

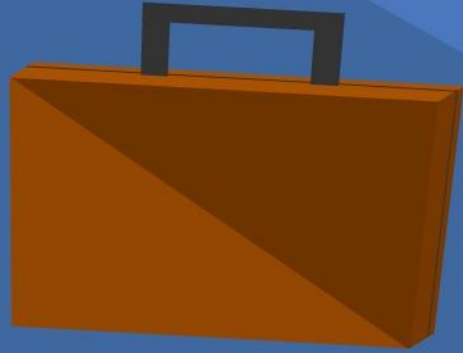
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Many valid reasons and ways to answer God's call
to serve as His hands & feet and teach our children to do the same.



Explore God-given passions

Investigate careers



Develop character, & work skills/habits

Learn spiritual truths



Meet needs--others and your own



RESPOND TO THE BURDENS OF GOD

Belief in service & Desire to serve...

**How many of you have wanted to serve
but could not find something matching
your availability & skill?**

**How many of you are currently
serving...in more than one capacity?**

**Have you ever felt ineffective or
unappreciated in your service?**

Why is SERVING so challenging?

Christian servanthood is a discipline of faith.

It partners with:

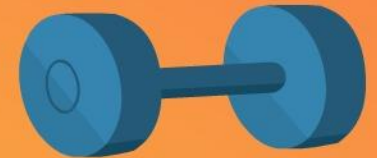
Prayer
Bible Study
Fellowship
Fasting

to transform us into Christ-likeness.



Serving is a tool.

Understanding tools allows them to be used with greater effectiveness.





whatsoever ye do, do all
to the glory of God.

1 Corinthians 10:31



CHRISTIAN SERVICE IS MINISTRY OF RECONCILIATION

*Servants bring a skill set, willingness,
love of God....and own broken-ness.*

*Serving is a place where our own
junk has to be addressed too.*



God needs ME?

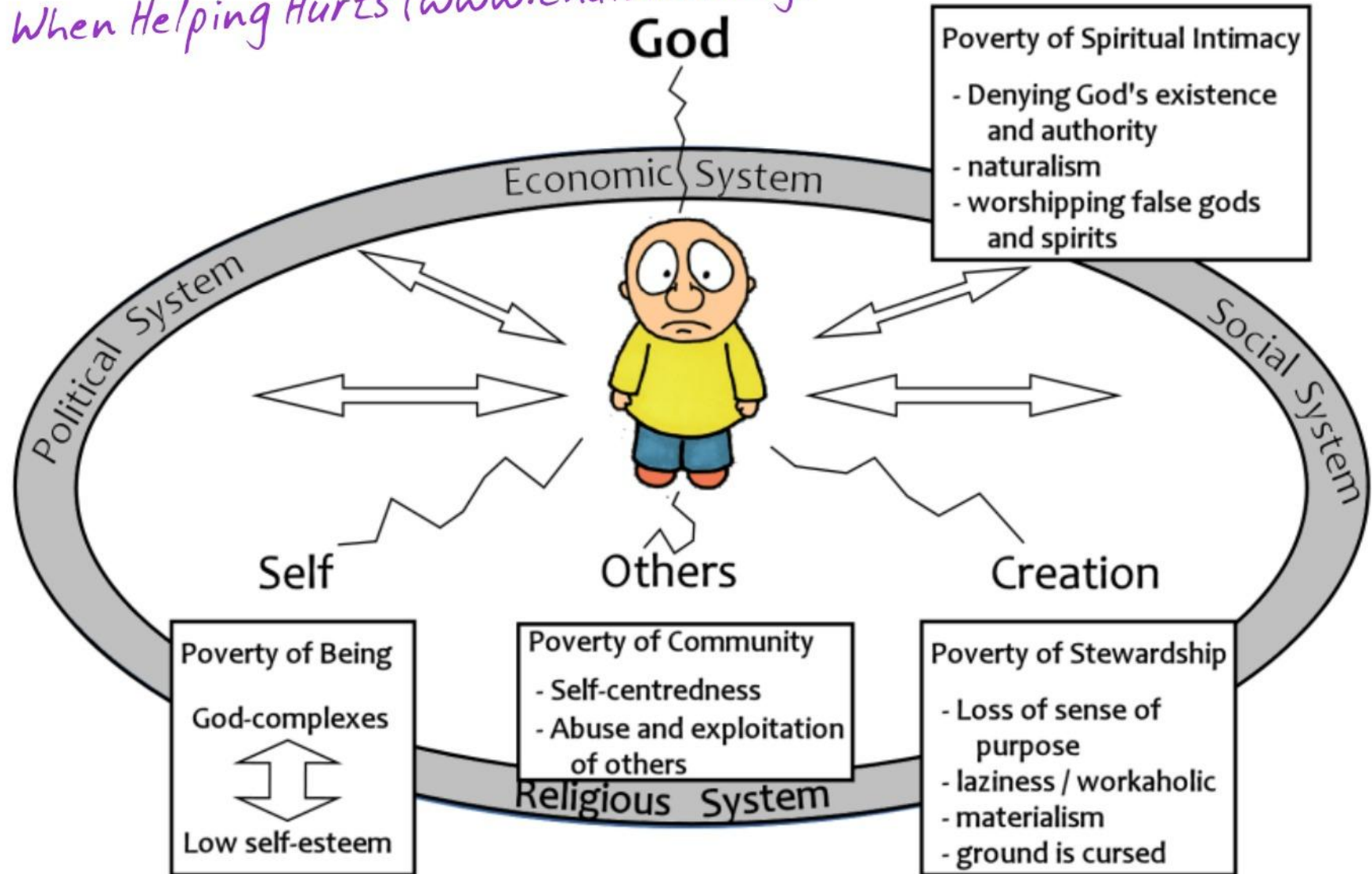
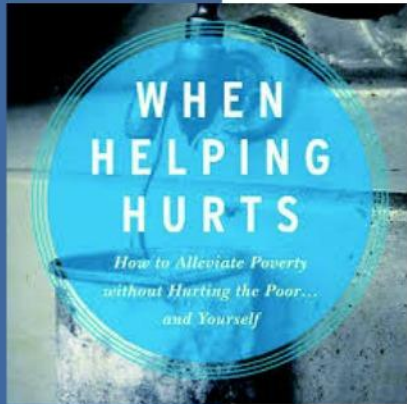
Not exactly.

God did not save us so He had workers...

He loves to give and to work...and He invites us to
join Him in those joys.

We **NEED** each other to know God more.

When Helping Hurts (www.chalmers.org)



God loves to reveal Himself:

to us,
in us,
and through us.

Colossians 2:2 "My goal is that they may be encouraged in heart and united in love, so that they may have the full riches of complete understanding, in order that they may know the mystery of God, namely, Christ.."

Already
Equipped...
About to
be blessed!

His divine power has given us everything we need for a godly life through our knowledge of him who called us by his own glory and goodness.



Every gift is for HIS purpose. HIS Kingdom. HIS glory.

Life is the gift God gives us. What we do with our life is our gift to HIM.



Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord, not for men, since you know that you will receive an inheritance from the Lord as a reward. It is the Lord Christ you are serving.
Colossians 3:23, 24



Old and trite saying
that is true:

The one who gives
is
The one who gains the most.

With great opportunity, comes
challenges. The heart aspect of
Serving is the key thing.



What 'comes out' of your
heart may surprise you.

You begin with HIGH EXPECTATIONS.

Heart is engaged...you care that is why you are there.

REALITY is likely to be somewhat less exalted.

The real challenges will be:

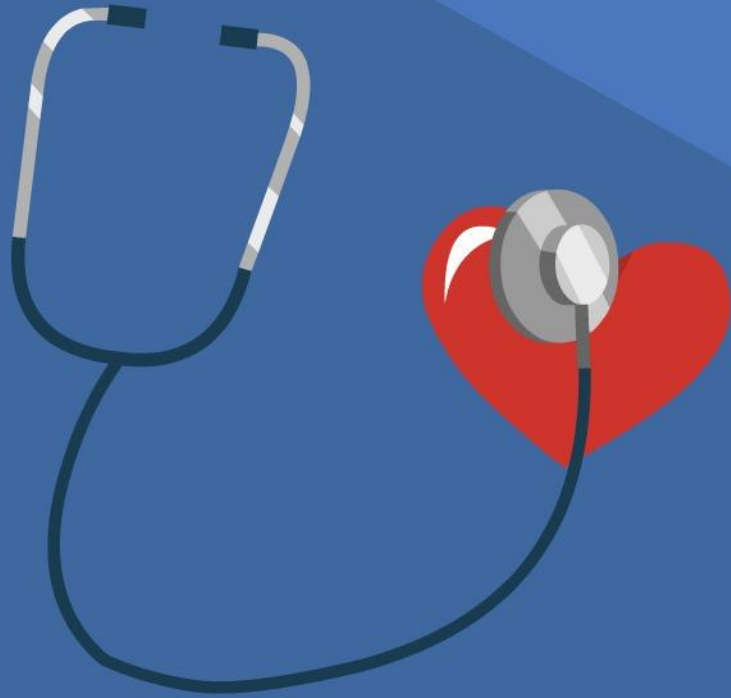
Grace for co-workers

Humility in serving

Trust in God for outcomes



Keep thy heart with all
diligence;
for out of it are the issues
of life. Proverbs 4:23



Heart will be the starting point to identify desires
BUT keeping the heart is an on-going necessity.



""We cannot serve God by following a set of rules; we
must have a purpose in our hearts."
Dr. J. Vernon McGee



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

Image Bearers of God!



A pause to consider HEART BURDENS.



Nehemiah 1:4 And it came to pass, when I heard these words, that I sat down and wept, and mourned certain days, and fasted and prayed before the God of heaven.

Heart Burdens



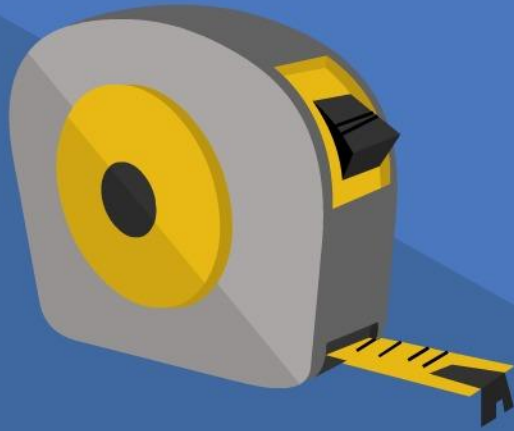
Needs that God lays upon our hearts.

Often come from our own experiences...

Perhaps they are the Good Works God created for us to walk in...

Listen to God and He will guide you in and through these needs. They will not be solveable by you...but God will use you and grow you through them.

Earthly work is NOT the eternal work.



Faith is our real
work!

Jesus answered and said to
them, "This is the work
of God, that you believe
in Him whom He sent."

John 6:29



Human effort focuses on
ability, personality, activity,
planning.

God's work is all about His
power, purpose, presence
and SUPER-ADEQUACY.





Serving is a platform on
which we stand
to see God do miracles.

Learn to be a GATE for others to see the miracles.

G - Genuine Sincere.

A - Accepting Respectful.

T - Transparent Humbly aware of own sinfulness.

E - Empathetic Compassion NOT sympathy.

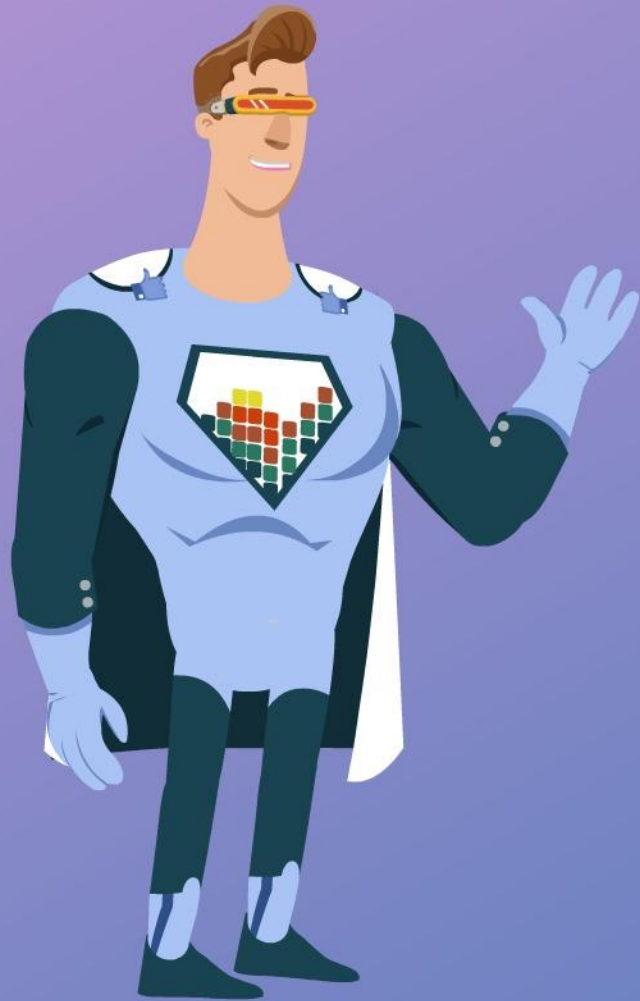
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TRUTH for all
people...those who
help and those who
need help.

Always look for the
design of God in
others.

Build up and
empower others.



Man's chief end is to
glorify God, and to
enjoy him forever.
Westminster Catechism

A handprint is formed by several ink smudges on a pink background. The thumb is a large, dark blue smudge. The index and middle fingers are made of smaller, lighter blue and purple smudges. The ring and pinky fingers are represented by green and yellow smudges. The palm area is a large, dark blue smudge. The wrist is a smaller, dark blue smudge.

For more info for your
faith journey, visit:

www.youareafingerprintofgod.com