

“I have come that they may have life, and that they may have it more abundantly.” John 10:10 (NKJ)

The Key to Abundant Living Is Serving.

John 13:12-17. Jesus calls every one of His followers to servanthood, even in practical ways, like washing people’s dirty feet. Jesus was saying, “I want this to be a characteristic of people who bear My name.”

Jesus Is Saying, “This Is What I Would Do.”

John 13:13-14 If Acts of service are not below Jesus, they ought not to be below you either.

Why Serve Others?

“You will be blessed if you do them.” John 13:17 The Key to an Abundant Life!

Knowing Vs Doing

There is a difference in just knowing the secret to a blessed life, and actually doing acts of service.

John 13:17 Now that you **know** these things, you will be blessed if you **do** them. (NIV)

The Greatness Principal: Greatness Comes As We Serve Others.

Matthew 20:26 and Matthew 23:11, “The greatest among you will be your servant.”

The Greatness Principal Result: When you bless others, God blesses you.

Be a Nonconformist

Do you think if you get more of the American dream then you’re going to feel blessed and live in a God-blessed way? Or is it more likely to come through washing feet, serving others.

Live Like a Servant

1. **Be Willing to Get Involved** John 13:4
2. **Be Willing to Go Low**
3. **Be Willing to See Beyond**
4. **Be Willing To Get Messy To Make a Difference** John 13:6
5. **Be Willing To Bless and Be Blessed** Matthew 20:28 / Philippians 2:9

NEXT STEPS John 13:14-15 Now that I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also should wash one another’s feet. ¹⁵ I have set you an example that you should do as I have done for you. (NIV)

First Step: Before you leave church today, I want you to do a simple act of kindness.

Second Step: Before you go to bed tonight, do a simple act of kindness for your family.

Third Step: I will begin serving others today by volunteering to First Serve on a Believers Church Ministry Team by filling out the enclosed Ministry Team Sign Up Card.

Today in the foyer you can learn more about serving our children.

Life Group and Family Devotional Application

1. Do you feel that stirring and that call to be a non-conformist for Jesus? To do something different with your life, to make a lasting and significant difference?
2. In John 10:10, Jesus promised an abundant life. Are you living that kind of life? Now that you are a Christian, is your life superior to what it was before? Are you living a life that is beyond measure?
3. To have a more blessed life this year, how will you step into serving in the insignificant, in the small, and the areas no one else wants to?
4. Share a time in your life when you served in secret. How did God use that time to bless you?
5. Discuss the blessings you’ve received from serving in our church now.
6. If you aren’t serving, what will you do to get started, even if it wouldn’t be your top pick?