

Service: A Gift of Grace

Romans 12:7 | Pastor Darrin Wright | October 25, 2026

Main idea: God gives the gift of service to meet practical needs and strengthen His church; faithful service reflects Christ's love and depends on the Spirit for humility, wisdom, and perseverance.

1. Understand the Gift

Service is the God-given ability and desire to recognize practical needs within Christ's body and willingly meet them for others' good and God's glory. Acts 6 shows practical care supporting the ministry of the Word. The gift is not limited to those who hold the office of deacon. **Read: Romans 12:7; Acts 6:1-7.**

2. Learn from Faithful Servants

Timothy cared about others' welfare and helped Paul in gospel ministry. Faithful servants notice needs, help others become more effective, and willingly sacrifice comfort. They also need encouragement and wisdom about commitments. Dorcas expressed love through the garments she made. **Read: Philippians 2:19-24; Acts 9:36-39.**

3. Recognize the Dangers

Service can become distorted by neglected responsibilities, unwise help, excluding others, resentment, and refusing to receive care. Seeing a need does not automatically assign it to you alone. Sharing the work and making room for rest can be faithful responses. **Read: 1 Timothy 5:8; Mark 6:31; 1 Corinthians 12:14-26.**

4. Depend on the Spirit

Ask God to shape both your work and your attitude. The sermon describes service marked by generosity, joy, cooperation, dependability, and perseverance. Our hope rests in Jesus, who died and rose again to save sinners; service responds to His grace. **Read: Ephesians 5:18; Mark 10:43-45.**

Reflect & Respond

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Remember the Teaching

> “The spiritual gift of service doesn’t just recognize that you’re carrying a heavy load. It comes alongside of you and helps you carry that load.”
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> “God calls us to be faithful stewards of our bodies, families, and responsibilities.”
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> “Are people blessed not only by what you do, but the spirit in which you do it?”

— Pastor Darrin Wright

Questions for Reflection

1. Whose burden could I make lighter through a practical act of care?
2. How do I respond when my work goes unnoticed or someone else receives credit?
3. Have I allowed service elsewhere to crowd out responsibilities God has already given me?
4. Whom could I invite to share the work, and whose help do I need to receive?

Two Practical Responses

Offer specific help. Identify one person and ask about a concrete way to ease a burden: a meal, a ride, or a shared task. Confirm that the help is wanted and coordinate as needed. **Galatians 6:2; Proverbs 19:2.**

Make room for shared service. Invite someone into a task and give them time to learn, or accept a specific offer of help. If already overcommitted, discuss sharing an existing responsibility before adding another. **1 Corinthians 12:14-26; Mark 6:31.**

Prayer

Lord Jesus, thank You for serving us and giving Your life to redeem us. Open our eyes to others’ needs. Give us willing hearts and wisdom about the responsibilities You have entrusted to us. Forgive our pride and resentment. Help us share the work, receive care, and serve in the power of Your Spirit for Your glory. Amen.

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