



³⁵ *By this everyone will know that you are My disciples, if you have love and unselfish concern for one another.* **John 13:35 (AMP)**

⁶ *Who, being in the very nature God, did not consider equality with God something to be used to his own advantage; ⁷ rather, he made himself nothing by taking the very nature of a servant, being made in human likeness.* **Philippians 2:6-7 (NIV)**

¹³ *My brothers, God called you to be free. But do not use your freedom as an excuse to do the things that please your sinful self. Serve each other with love.* **Galatians 5:13 (ICB)**

¹⁰ *Therefore, as we have opportunity, let us do good to all people, especially to those who belong to the family of believers.* **Galatians 6:10 (NIV)**

Why should I serve my brothers and sisters?

1. God told me to serve!

¹⁵ *I did this as an example for you. So you should do as I have done for you.* **John 13:15 (ICB)**

¹³ *For you, brothers, were called to freedom. Only do not turn your freedom into an opportunity to gratify your flesh, but through love make it your habit to serve one another.* **Galatians 5:13 (ISV)**

2. Serving strengthens my family!

³⁴ *They all received the things they needed. Everyone that owned fields or houses sold them. They brought the money ³⁵ and gave it to the apostles. Then each person was given the things he needed.* **Acts 4:34-35 (ICB)**

⁷ *You learned about the Good News from Epaphras, our beloved co-worker. He is Christ's faithful servant, and he is helping us on your behalf. ⁸ He has told us about the love for others that the Holy Spirit has given you.* **Colossians 1:7-8 (NLT)**

3. Serving promotes love!

¹³ *You, my brothers and sisters, were called to be free. But do not use your freedom to indulge the flesh; rather, serve one another humbly in love. ¹⁴ For the entire law is fulfilled in keeping this one command: "Love your neighbor as yourself."* **Galatians 5:13-14 (NIV)**

How can I begin to serve my family?

I can serve them with...

1. My Blessings.

¹ *And now, brothers, we want you to know about the grace that God gave the churches in Macedonia. ² They have been tested by great troubles. And they are very poor. But they gave much because of their great joy.* **2 Corinthians 8:1-2 (ICB)**

2. My Abilities.

¹⁰ *God is not unfair. He will not forget the work you did or the love you showed for him in the help you gave and are still giving to other Christians.* **Hebrews 6:10 (GNT)**

3. My Presence.

³⁶ *Then Jesus went with his disciples to a place called Gethsemane, and he said to them, "Sit here while I go over there to pray." ³⁷ He took Peter and the two sons of Zebedee along with him, and he began to be sorrowful and troubled. ³⁸ Then he said to them, "My soul is overwhelmed with sorrow to the point of death. Stay here and keep watch with me."* **Matthew 26:36-38 (NIV)**

³ *If you think you are too important to help someone, you are only fooling yourself. You are not that important.* **Galatians 6:3 (NLT)**
