

Love God; Love People; Serve Others

Qualities of a Minister

Part 3

Church Stats:

- 5% of all church members do not exist.
- 10% of them cannot be found.
- 25% never go to church.
- 50% never contribute a penny to the work of the Lord.
- 75% never attend a mid-week service.
- 90% never attend a prayer meeting.
- 95% have never invited a single person to church.

Mark 12:29-31 – *Jesus answered him, “The first of all the commandments is: ‘Hear, O Israel, the LORD our God, the LORD is one.’³⁰ ‘And you shall love the LORD your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength.’ This is the first commandment.³¹ “And the second, like it, is this: ‘You shall love your neighbor as yourself.’ There is no other commandment greater than these.”*

QUESTIONS

- (1) Why don't Christians serve others?
- (2) Why should Christians serve others?

Why should we serve?

- **Proverbs 3:27** – *Do not withhold good from those to whom it is due, when it is in the power of your hand to do so.*
- **Matthew 20:24-28 [NLT]** – *When the ten other disciples heard what James and John had asked, they were indignant.²⁵ But Jesus called them together and said, “You know that in this world kings are tyrants, and officials lord it over the people beneath them.²⁶ But among you it should be quite different. Whoever wants to be a leader among you must be your servant,²⁷ and whoever wants to be first must become your slave.²⁸ For even I, the Son of Man, came here not to be served but to serve others, and to give my life as a ransom for many.”*
- **Galatians 3:13, 14 [NLT]** – *For you have been called to live in freedom—not freedom to satisfy your sinful nature, but freedom to serve one another in love.¹⁴ For the whole law can be summed up in this one command: “Love your neighbor as yourself.”*

Quotes:

- **Zig Zigler** – you'll always have everything in life that you want if you help other people get what they want.

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- **John Ruskin** – when a man is wrapped up in himself he makes a pretty small package.
- **John Mason** – One of the most powerful decisions you can make in your life is to do something for someone who does not have the power or resources to return the favor

WATER BAPTISM

Matthew 28:18-20 – *And Jesus came and spoke to them, saying, “All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth. ¹⁹“Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, **baptizing** them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, ²⁰“teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age.” Amen.*

- **“baptizing”** – [Not BAPTO – to dip] BAPTIZO is used in a recipe for making pickles and is helpful because it uses both words. Nicander says that in order to make a pickle, the vegetable should first be ‘dipped’ (BAPTO) into boiling water and then ‘baptized’ (BAPTIZO) in the vinegar solution. Both verbs concern the immersing of vegetables in a solution. But the first is temporary. The second, produces a permanent change.

Romans 6:3, 4 [NLT] – *Or have you forgotten that when we became Christians and were baptized to become one with Christ Jesus, we died with him? ⁴ For we died and were buried with Christ by baptism. And just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glorious power of the Father, now we also may live new lives.*

Why is it a requirement?

- Water baptism is stressed by Jesus, and in Acts and the epistles.
- Water baptism deals with our identity – who we are.
- The MT should be able to display power over sin and the devil.

Dedication of servants:

Believers Church at Glenville is my church. It is composed of people like me. We make it what it is. I want it to be a church that is a light on the path of life, leading searchers to goodness, kindness and love. It will be, if I am. It will be friendly, if I am. Its pews will be filled, if I help fill them. It will do a great work, if I work. It will bring other people into its worship and fellowship, if I bring them. It will be a church of loyalty and love of courage and faith, if I, who make it what it is, am filled with these. Therefore I dedicate myself to the task of being what I want my church to be.