

Serving is a win for .

Galatians 5:19a & 20b - The acts of the flesh are obvious: ...selfish ambition...

* Serving is not all about you, but Satan would like you to believe that when you serve others, you'll be giving up more than you'll ever gain.

Matthew 16:25-27 - For whoever wants to save their life will lose it, but whoever loses their life for me will find it. What good will it be for someone to gain the whole world, yet forfeit their soul? Or what can anyone give in exchange for their soul? For the Son of Man is going to come in His Father's glory with his angels, and then He will reward each person according to what they have done.

* Serving is not a ______. It's a ______.

Matthew 23:11 - The greatest among you will be your servant.

* It would be ______ to claim to be a follower of Christ and say that serving isn't your thing.

Philippians 2:5-7a - In your relationships with one another, have the same mindset as Christ Jesus: Who, being in very nature God, did not consider equality with God something to be used to His own advantage; rather, He made himself nothing by taking the very nature of a servant...

* Serving others in the spirit of Christ, will require some _____.

Serving adds to your life:

Acts 20:35b - ...remembering the words the Lord Jesus himself said: "It is more blessed to give than to receive."

1.

* Serving has been shown to reduce blood pressure, enhance immune response, and improved sleep quality.

2. _____

* Serving has been linked to better memory and mental clarity, helping to regulate stress hormones like cortisol.

3.

* Studies show that serving often leads to greater happiness, lower depression, and increased life satisfaction.

Proverbs 11:25 - A generous person will prosper; whoever refreshes others will be refreshed.

4._____

* You are never more like Christ than when you are serving others.

Mark 10:45 - For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give His life as a ransom for many.

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Matthew 10:42 - And if anyone gives even a cup of cold water to one of these little ones who is my disciple, truly I tell you, that person will certainly not lose their reward.

* When you serve others, you trade what doesn't last for what cannot be .

John 12:26b - My Father will honor the one who serves me.

He is no fool who gives away what he cannot keep, to gain what he cannot lose. - Jim Elliot

* Instead of thinking you need to do something _____ for God, just do SOMETHING for a God!