

## The Ancient Paths: Service

Joshua 24:14-15 ❖ John 13:1-17

“Condescend to all the weaknesses and infirmities of your fellow creatures, cover their frailties, love their excellencies, encourage their virtues, relieve their wants, rejoice in their prosperities, compassionate their distress, receive their friendship, overlook their unkindness, forgive their malice, *be a servant of servants.*”  
 (“A Serious Call to a Devout and Holy Life,” William Law, 1729)

### “O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee”

William Gladden (1836-1918) believed that Christians should take a stand on the \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ issues of the day. He pastored the First Congregational Church in Columbus, Ohio for 36 years. His \_\_\_\_\_ service sermons were always about the Christian response to \_\_\_\_\_ issues and were published on the \_\_\_\_\_ page of the “Ohio State Journal” on Monday.

Rev. Gladden was a prolific author who wrote hundreds of poems, \_\_\_\_\_, articles, editorials, and books. His most famous \_\_\_\_\_ was composed in 1879.

“O Master, let me walk with Thee  
In lowly paths of \_\_\_\_\_ free;  
Tell my Thy secret; help me \_\_\_\_\_  
The strain of \_\_\_\_\_, the fret of \_\_\_\_\_.”

### Service 101

“More than any other single way, the grace of \_\_\_\_\_ is worked into our lives through the discipline of \_\_\_\_\_.”  
 (“Celebration of Discipline,” Richard Foster, p. 130)

“You know that those who are regarded as rulers of the Gentiles \_\_\_\_\_ it over them. Not so with \_\_\_\_\_. Instead, whoever wants to become great among you must be your \_\_\_\_\_. For even the Son of Man did not come to \_\_\_\_\_ served, but \_\_\_\_\_ serve, and to give His life as a ransom for many” (Mark 10:42-45).

“Others, Lord, yes, \_\_\_\_\_, let this my motto be.  
Help me to live for others that I may live like \_\_\_\_\_.”  
(Charles Meigs, 1907)

## Serving God

“But as for me and my household, we will \_\_\_\_\_ the LORD”  
(Joshua 24:15).

The 4th membership question is: Do you promise to \_\_\_\_\_ Christ in His Church by supporting and participating in her \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ to the best of your ability?

## Serving Others

“Now that I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed \_\_\_\_\_ feet, you also should wash \_\_\_\_\_ feet. I have set you an \_\_\_\_\_ that you should do as I have done for you” (John 13:14-15).

Don’t be so heavenly-minded that you’re no \_\_\_\_\_ good.

## Types of Service

“Let us not give up \_\_\_\_\_ together, as some are in the \_\_\_\_\_ of doing” (Hebrews 10:25).

“He has showed you, O man, what is \_\_\_\_\_. And what does the LORD require of you? To act \_\_\_\_\_, to love \_\_\_\_\_ and to walk \_\_\_\_\_ with your God” (Micah 6:8).

Random acts of \_\_\_\_\_

Common \_\_\_\_\_

Doing things for “the \_\_\_\_\_ of these” (Matthew 25:40).

## Practical Advice on How to Serve

Serve in \_\_\_\_\_ ways.

Just \_\_\_\_\_ it.

After an hour of silence in a Quaker meeting house, an exasperated friend of William Penn asked, “When does the \_\_\_\_\_ begin?” To which Penn replied, “After the \_\_\_\_\_.”

