



# SERVING IN THE CHURCH LOVE

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**Stepping Out in Faith**

# Why Serve?

1. We are chosen by God to serve

**1 Timothy 1:1**

***Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus...***

**Matthew 28:19**

***Go therefore and make disciples of all nations...***

**John 15:8**

***By this my Father is glorified, that you bear much fruit and so prove to be my disciples.***

**John 15:16**

***You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you that you should go and bear fruit and that your fruit should abide.***

**Galatians 6:10**

***So then, as we have opportunity, let us do good to everyone, and especially to those who are of the household of faith.***

## 1 Corinthians 1:27-29

**But God chose what is foolish in the world to shame the wise; God chose what is weak in the world to shame the strong; <sup>28</sup> God chose what is low and despised in the world, even things that are not, to bring to nothing things that are, <sup>29</sup> so that no human being might boast in the presence of God.**



**1 Peter 4:10**

**As each has received a gift, use it to serve one another, as good stewards of God's varied grace:**

**(Insert Your name), a disciple of**  
**Jesus Christ**



“I love to serve in the hospitality ministry because it is a way to minister to newcomers and show God’s love to them. Also it gives me the opportunity to meet with so many regular Agapians and simply to say hello to them.”

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## 2. It is an honour to serve

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**1 Timothy 1:1**

***Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus...***

“As iron sharpens iron, man builds man. Being able to serve in AGM is both an honour & privilege. It is an honour to see how God uses "my 5 loaves and 2 fish" to encourage many men who are seeking to be faithful husbands, good sons, to fulfil the roles that God had called them. The victories many have shared in their testimonies never fail to encourage me to be available to serve God through AGM. We are not ‘IRONMAN’ or ‘SUPERMAN’ but we are MEN FORGIVEN BY GOD continuously supporting each other during our journey on earth till we see Christ face to face, Hallelujah!”

# Why Serve?

## 3. We are commanded to serve

1. We are chosen by God to serve
2. It is an honour to serve

## 1 Timothy 1:1

***Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus, by command  
of God our Savior and of Christ Jesus our  
hope,***



John 14:15

***If you love me, you will keep my commandments.***

“To serve in the ministries is actually serving God, doing His work through our bit of labour. To me, prayers acknowledge God's honour, His sovereignty, His glory and His character! So when I pray for the Church and the Church people, I am blessing them to receive God's blessings to enter into the Lord's love, joy and peace. Believing this makes me glad.”

“If a picture can paint a thousand words, imagine what more moving pictures could tell! Combine both photography and videography together and you no longer just have the power to tell a story, but also invite and draw people to become a part of it. I have the huge honour of not just telling people about God’s beauty, love, grace, holiness and majesty, but also help them to know and experience God in all His glory through the pictures, videos and designs I do. That is why I love serving in the Media Ministry.”

# Why Serve?

## 4. We are grateful to God for our salvation

1. We are chosen by God to serve
2. It is an honour to serve
3. We are commanded to serve

**1 Timothy 1:1**

***Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus, by  
command of God our Savior and of Christ  
Jesus our hope,***

**2 Timothy 1:10**

***...the appearing of our Savior Christ Jesus,...***



“By sharing our experience, the ups and downs, highs and lows, we know that God will use it to help the other couple in their marriage journey. When we share authentically, we also learn together with the other couple of God’s grace and love and intention for marriage. We also became friends in the process.”



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## 5. It is a reflection of our hope

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## 2 Corinthians 11:23-27

*Are they servants of Christ? I am a better one—I am talking like a madman—with far greater labors, far more imprisonments, with countless beatings, and often near death. <sup>24</sup> Five times I received at the hands of the Jews the forty lashes less one. <sup>25</sup> Three times I was beaten with rods. Once I was stoned. Three times I was shipwrecked; a night and a day I was adrift at sea; <sup>26</sup> on frequent journeys, in danger from rivers, danger from robbers, danger from my own people, danger from Gentiles, danger in the city, danger in the wilderness, danger at sea, danger from false brothers; <sup>27</sup> in toil and hardship, through many a sleepless night, in hunger and thirst, often without food, in cold and exposure.*

## **1 Peter 1:3**

**According to his great mercy, he has caused us to be born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead,**

## **Hebrews 6:19**

**We have this as a sure and steadfast anchor of the soul, a hope that enters into the inner place behind the curtain,**

## **Titus 2:13**

**waiting for our blessed hope, the appearing of the glory of our great God and Savior Jesus Christ.**

“I am glad I am serving in Ageless wonders because I want to be encouraged and encourage others who are in their 50’s and above to stay active, drawing close to God and others, bearing fruits in every season and finishing well for his glory.”

# Why Serve?

## 6. It is an expression of deep love for others

1. We are chosen by God to serve
2. It is an honour to serve
3. We are commanded to serve
4. We are grateful to God for our salvation
5. It is a reflection of our hope



**1 Timothy 1:2**

***To Timothy, my true child in the faith:***

**Acts 8:3**

***But Saul was ravaging the church, and entering house after house, he dragged off men and women and committed them to prison.***

“I love serving in Agapeland because that’s where I discovered God’s heart of compassion for children although I used to dislike kids before. I also love watching the amazement of the children when they learn something new about God from His Word and the joy of making His Word come alive to them through stories, games and songs.”

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## 7. It blesses those who receive our service

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3. We are commanded to serve
4. We are grateful to God for our salvation
5. It is a reflection of our hope
6. It is an expression of deep love for others

**1 Timothy 1:2**

***... Grace, mercy and peace from God the Father and Christ Jesus our Lord.***

“I believe an intentional and coordinated teaching and educational ministry is really important for the health of a church. Since God has blessed me with opportunities to be trained theologically, and given me a teaching gift, I will not hesitate to use it appropriately to effectively serve Him and the Church. Of course, I am more than glad and thankful to be able to teach in my local church and will continue to do so, as long as doors are open.”



“I am glad that I have been asked to contribute in Simpang Lodge. I am touched by all who served there. They heeded God’s call for mercy and compassion to be shown to the foreign workers. They dedicated precious hours of their weekends in a distant corner of Singapore to do something for this group of hardworking men who built our infrastructures. In turn these workers gave up their rest time or other entertainment and sat in a classroom to listen to us. Through our interactions, I was humbled by their plights and hardships. Although to them I was a teacher, but actually I learned so much more about humility, love and compassion through my involvement. I feel that God has used them to teach me. I can only hope that God has used me to teach them something too.”

Acts 20:35

***...remember the words of the Lord Jesus,  
how he himself said, 'It is more blessed to  
give than to receive.'***

## **Application**

- 1. If you are already serving in ministry,  
continue to serve faithfully**
- 2. If you are not serving in ministry,  
step out to serve in faith**