

# Formed From The Inside Out The Inner Life That Shapes Our Faith

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### **The Good News About Serving (And The Bad):**

Serving others strengthens your heart.

Serving others isn't a natural reaction. It's a choice.

Serving others leads to significance.

### **How To Develop An Attitude Of Servanthood:**

Understand what is natural.

Fight for what is spiritual.

Follow the example of Jesus.

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Matters for Reflection and Discussion:

1. Read Philippians 2:3–8. What stands out to you about the mindset of Christ? How does his example challenge your natural instincts?
2. How does Jesus redefine greatness (Mark 10:42-45)? In what ways does our culture define it differently?
3. Why do you think serving others is not our default reaction? How does Galatians 5:16–17 explain this internal tension?
4. Read John 13:1–17. What does Jesus washing the disciples’ feet teach us about both the cost and the beauty of servanthood?
5. How has serving someone else strengthened your faith or character in the past? Can you identify specific ways it shaped you?
6. According to Colossians 3:23–24, how does remembering who we are really serving change our attitude toward unseen or unappreciated tasks?
7. What are some “natural” reactions in you (self-protection, comfort, recognition, etc.) that compete with a servant’s heart? How can you intentionally “fight for what is spiritual”?
8. Read Hebrews 6:10. How does this verse encourage you when your service feels unnoticed or insignificant?
9. In what ways does consistent service lead to lasting significance rather than temporary success?
10. If spiritual depth is connected to humble service, what is one concrete act of service you sense God inviting you to practice this week? What might be holding you back?