

Character Profile: My God wants me to love and serve people.

The Bible Proclaims and Displays that God wants me to love and serve others.

Matt. 22:36-40 Master, which is the great commandment in the law? 37 Jesus said unto him, Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind. 38 This is the first and great commandment. 39 And the second is like unto it, Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself. 40 On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets.

Mark 10:43b-45 ... but whosoever will be great among you, shall be your minister: 44 And whosoever of you will be the chiefest, shall be servant of all. 45 For even the Son of man came not to be ministered unto, but to minister, and to give his life a ransom for many.

John 13:34-35 A new commandment I give unto you, That ye love one another; as I have loved you, that ye also love one another. 35 By this shall all men know that ye are my disciples, if ye have love one to another.

1 Cor. 13:4-8b Charity suffereth long, and is kind; charity envieth not; charity vaunteth not itself, is not puffed up, 5 Doth not behave itself unseemly, seeketh not her own, is not easily provoked, thinketh no evil; 6 Rejoiceth not in iniquity, but rejoiceth in the truth; 7 Beareth all things, believeth all things, hopeth all things, endureth all things. 8 Charity never faileth:

Phil. 2:3-4 Let nothing be done through strife or vainglory; but in lowliness of mind let each esteem other better than themselves. 4 Look not every man on his own things, but every man also on the things of others.

Gal. 6:1-2 Brethren, if a man be overtaken in a fault, ye which are spiritual, restore such an one in the spirit of meekness; considering thyself, lest thou also be tempted. 2 Bear ye one another's burdens, and so fulfil the law of Christ.

Gal. 6:9-10 And let us not be weary in well doing: for in due season we shall reap, if we faint not. 10 As we have therefore opportunity, let us do good unto all men, especially unto them who are of the household of faith.

1. Look for key/ repeating words in these verses. Do you see any themes or common ideas?
2. What do these verses teach us about who God is? What about God's heart is revealed?
3. How do we think incorrectly about God in this area?
4. How does God treat us in light of these verses?

* **Meditate** on the verses on the left and journal any helpful thoughts here:

How should we apply the truth that God wants me to love and serve others.

Matthew 5:43-48 Ye have heard that it hath been said, Thou shalt love thy neighbour, and hate thine enemy. 44 But I say unto you, Love your enemies, bless them that curse you, do good to them that hate you, and pray for them which despitefully use you, and persecute you; 45 That ye may be the children of your Father which is in heaven: for he maketh his sun to rise on the evil and on the good, and sendeth rain on the just and on the unjust. 46 For if ye love them which love you, what reward have ye? do not even the publicans the same? 47 And if ye salute your brethren only, what do ye more than others? do not even the publicans so? 48 Be ye therefore perfect, even as your Father which is in heaven is perfect.

*Read the verses from the previous page to help you apply truth to your life.

1. Because God wants me to love and serve others, what should my response(s) be? What should we do to accomplish God's desire for us?
2. What do we need to "put off" in our lives?
3. How do we need to "renew our mind" (change the way we think) because of today's verses?
4. What do we need to "put on" in our lives because God forgives?
5. **Pray specifically for each other.** As you go around your circle, specifically pray that the person to your right will rest in God's forgiveness towards them and specifically for the person on your left that they would forgive as God forgives.