

Scripture Reading: 1<sup>st</sup> Corinthians 4:1-6

THE QUESTION IN EVERY ENCOUNTER Text: Matthew 25:35-40

The seventies were, in many ways, a celebration of self-indulgence and self-gratification in which the mantra for many became: *If it feels good, do it.*

Humans have always had a what's-in-it-for mindset. It goes all the way back to the garden of Eden.

Self-serving self-centeredness is endemic to the human condition. Ref: Mark 10:43-44; John 13:4-5; Luke 22:24; John 13:12; John 13:14-15

1. Serve with a Hands On A\_\_\_\_\_. Ref: Neh.3:5

Slacktivism is the idea that having information or expressing an opinion or feeling an emotion about a topic is the same as being hands-on involved in the solution.

There are two types of hands-on involvement that I encourage you to pursue. One is to serve in an organized ministry or outreach program.

The other type of hands-on involvement is the spontaneous, spur-of-the-moment opportunities that present themselves.

Developing a servant's h\_\_\_\_\_ involves a hands-on / hands-active approach.

2. Serve with a Low P\_\_\_\_\_. Ref: Matthew 6:3-4

God wants us to serve one another in a low-profile, under-the-radar manner — even doing so anonymously whenever we can.

If there is any reward or recognition to be given, God will take care of it — because nothing gets by him. He sees what you do. He also sees what you don't do. He's the one to whom you're accountable

3. Serve with No S\_\_\_\_\_Attached. Ref: Luke 14:12-14; 1st Peter 4:10;

Do something for somebody every day for which you do not get paid. Albert Schweitz

Ask not what others can do for you; ask what you can do for others.

What you do for others, you do for Christ.

Let's not lose sight of the fact that every encounter is a d\_\_\_\_\_encounter. This means that every act of service, every act of kindness that you extend to another, you extend to Jesus himself.