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Religious Studies

Serving Others



Christians believe that a part of their purpose in life is to serve others. To serve means "to give assistance or help; to answer a purpose." Service must be rendered with the right attitude.

Most of Jesus' earthly ministry was spent in service to others. He willingly helped those who were sick, physically challenged or possessed with demons. He wanted people to know that God loved and cared for them. Just before Jesus ate the last Passover Meal with His disciples, He taught them an important lesson about serving others. He then instructed them to follow His example of unselfish service.

There are many ways in which individuals could render service to others. Acts of service include sharing one's resources, taking care of sick family members etc. Individuals must sometimes consider the needs of others above their own.

The Story of The Healing of St. Peter's Mother-In-Law

After Jesus had helped the army man's helper, he walked with Peter and His friends to Peter's house. Back in that time and culture, parents lived with their grown children, so Peter and his wife took care of his wife's mother.

One day, Jesus and His friends went to Peter's house. Jesus noticed that Peter's mother-in-law was sick. She was lying in bed with a fever. Normally a fever makes a person's head very hot, and they get chills all over. If you have a fever, you feel miserable and can't do anything. That's probably how she felt. For the family, it was kind of scary too, because they did not have aspirin like we do to help a fever go away.

Jesus wanted to help her. He touched her hand and instantly, the fever was gone. She was well and she felt great! She got up and waited on him. She was grateful for the help and wanted to show her gratitude for healing her sickness.

Answer the following questions based on the passage.

1. To serve means to _____. (1)

2. Who did Jesus give his service to in the story? (1)

3. Which statement is **NOT** true? (1)

- a. A fever makes a person's head very hot.
- b. A fever makes you eat a lot.
- c. A fever makes you feel miserable.

4. How did the woman feel after Jesus touched her hand? (1)

5. Write T if the statement is True and F if the statement is false. (4)

_____ We should not be happy to help others.

_____ Most of Jesus' earthly ministry was spent in service to others.

_____ The woman was grateful that Jesus helped her.

_____ Persons should be selfish and put themselves before others.