

Living the
Spiritual Disciplines



SD #5
Serving Others

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Awareness

We must gain **Awareness** of any circumstance to change it.

Acceptance

We must gain **Acceptance** of what we learn before we act.

Action

We must take specific **Action** to change who we are now.

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What is a Spiritual Discipline?

Activity I do *consistently* that builds
my relationship with God.

AND

Better equips me to respond
to various challenges of life!

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*What is the
state of
MY
Spiritual
Discipline?*

Hold Up The Mirror!

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| #1 Meeting Christ | <i>Repentance & Salvation</i> |
| #2 Knowing Christ | <i>Study Scripture & Memorization</i> |
| #3 Talking w/ Christ | <i>Active Prayer & Journaling</i> |
| #4 Sacrificing w/ Christ | <i>Fasting & Tithing</i> |
| #5 Showing Love of Christ | <i>Serving Others</i> |
| #6 Sharing Christ | <i>Telling YOUR story with Christ</i> |
| #7 Growing in Christ | <i>Fellowship & Mentoring</i> |
| #8 Living w/ Christ | <i>Accountability</i> |

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5 Showing Love of Christ: *Serving Others*

Deuteronomy 10:20 (NIV)

“Fear the LORD your God
and **serve** him.”

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What does it mean to Serve?

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- *To Labor for another's benefit*
- *To Give up your wants for others*
- *To Give up your life for God*

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Galatians 5:6 (NIV)

“In Christ Jesus neither circumcision nor uncircumcision has any value.

The only thing that counts is
faith expressing itself through love.”

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Galatians 5:13 (NIV)

“You, my brothers and sisters,
were called to be free.

But do not use your freedom to
indulge the flesh; rather,
serve one another humbly in love.”

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James 2:14 (NIV)

“What good is it, my brothers,
if a man claims to have faith
but has no deeds.”

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How can you Serve God?

- *Sacrifice your time*
- *Expend your energy for other's needs*
- *Relinquish control of your life*
- *Volunteer at church*
- *Engage with other people*

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Pastor Colin Smith

*“There is no receiving Him by faith,
without turning to Him in repentance...*

*It is a living faith—
a faith that expresses itself in love.”*

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*“There is no such thing as a salvation
that does not bring transformation.*

*There is no Christ who is Savior,
and not Lord.”*

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*“To complete
Salvation with Sanctification,
You must choose Jesus Christ
as both your **Lord** and your **Master.**”*

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*“True repentance and
a relationship with Christ
compels us to Love -
Love then compels us
to serve others.”*

The Invitation



Awareness

***Am I willing to
look in the mirror
& admit to myself that
I need a True Relationship
with Christ?***

Acceptance

*Am I willing to admit
that **Serving Others**
must be my response to
the **Love of God**?*

Action

When will I

Serve Others

due to the Love of God

this week?

Communion

