

A Look at My Serving

Would you like to serve more intentionally, joyfully, impactfully and faith-fully? This tool helps you look at where you are serving, how it impacts you and others, and how it relates to your relationship with God. We're using the word 'serving' here to cover everything you do, including what you do where you live, work and play, and as you help people in need.

You use this tool in several ways. You can think about one specific way or place where you are serving (for example, as a daughter or a volunteer tutor), or you can think about one area of serving (such as at church or in your extended family) or you can think about your overall serving in all areas of your life. This is not a scorecard; it's simply a tool to help you select an area in which you'd like to grow. Suggested growth steps and helpful resources follow the three charts.

Serving and My Faith

"Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord, not for human masters." Col. 3:23

	Never	Occasionally	Frequently	Regularly or often
I prayed specifically about my serving initially				
I pray about my serving on an ongoing basis				
My serving helps my faith grow.				
My faith helps me in my serving				
I think about my serving as serving God				

Where I'm Serving -- "For we are God's handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do." Eph. 2:10

	Never	Occasionally	Frequently	Regularly or often
I'm using my strengths ¹ in my serving.				
I generously give time and energy for the sake of others.				
I reserve adequate time for rest.				
I have an intentional balance ... between short/long term serving				
... between superficial and relational serving ²				
... between serving at home, church and community				

¹ my skills, interests, spiritual gifts

² donating school supplies is more superficial; weekly tutoring is more relational

Impact of My Serving -- "Worship the Lord with gladness; come before him with joyful songs." Psalm 100:2

	Never	Occasionally	Frequently	Regularly or often
My serving brings me joy ³				
What I do has a positive impact on those I serve ⁴				
I am intentional about accepting new tasks				

³ When serving is difficult, joy is less like happiness and more a deep confidence or peace in the rightness of the serving.

⁴ I can see the outcomes for both myself and those I serve are more positive than negative.

