

### Volume 01, Issue 42: Service and Fulfillment Go Hand-in-Hand

When we discover what we do well in life, our passions, our gifts, and our strengths; we begin to serve those strengths to others, many times without compensation. It brings us meaning and we enjoy it.

Many people belong to the school of thought that service has to be a sacrifice; that you don't have to love or enjoy what you do, just get it done. I believe there is a place for sacrificing for others, but we cannot sustain service that does not align with our self-interest.

We serve best in the area that brings us the most joy and satisfaction. Anything else is like a jail sentence of advancing a course that only pleases someone else. Service fulfils when we match our strengths to the place of service.

At our local Churches, we are often called upon to join various ministries and we feel pressured to join any, regardless of whether we are suited for the service involved. God has indeed called each of us to serve. But he did not give us specific gifts just so we could ignore them and do whatever is thrown at us. We should discover our gifts and give our best service in the area that we are best suited.

So many people hate their jobs. Wherever you turn, you will find people seeking fulfillment in life by doing what they loathe. However, work and service do not have to be dreadful chores that we have to endure. If only we aligned our strengths and passions with our preoccupations. We can choose to pursue careers that are in line with our interests and gifting.

Work and fun do not have to be mutually exclusive. We can blur the dividing line of work and pleasure by looking for opportunities to do what we do best every day. We can find pleasure in service. This is only possible if we serve in our area of passion and strength.

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Meet a need by serving where you are strongest. There are plenty of opportunities for us to be of great service in the area of our gifting. After all, your greatest contribution in life comes from your strength zone.

*I never did a day's work in my life. It was all fun.* Thomas Edison

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