

Hearts that Serve

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Romans 12:9-13

I. What A Heart That Serves Looks Like:

Romans 12:10 ¹⁰Be devoted to one another in brotherly love. Honor one another above yourselves.

1. Honoring one another means everyone is worthy of our appreciation.

Philippians 2:3-4 ³Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit, but in humility consider others better than yourselves. ⁴Each of you should look not only to your own interests, but also to the interests of others.

2. Deferring to one another means putting their needs first.

I Peter 5:5b-6 ^{5b}All of you, clothe yourselves with humility toward one another, because, "God opposes the proud but gives grace to the humble." ⁶Humble yourselves, therefore, under God's mighty hand, that he may lift you up in due time.

3. Humbling ourselves toward others means stooping down to serve.

II. Why Bother?

➤ When we honor others, God honors us.

➤ When we put their needs first, God makes up the difference.

➤ When we stoop down to serve, God lifts us up.

III. Putting This Into Practice:

1. Find someone to honor this week.

2. Practice going last.

3. Tie one on.

4. Find a place to serve.

5. Surrender yourself to God.