

Serving Spoon

Scripture:

The greatest among you shall be your servant. Whoever exalts himself will be humbled, and whoever humbles himself will be exalted. (Matthew 23:11-12)

Materials List:

(1) Serving Spoon

Main Message:

As Christians, we are called to be servants of God and of one another. Good works are part of our duty, served up to fellow Christians as well as the world around us.

Song: *Make Me a Servant*

Lesson:

The serving spoon was made for serving. Its broad bowl helps serve up lots of good food at once and makes dolling out to each person an easy task. It's an essential tool in the kitchen and at the table.

As Christians, we were also made for serving. Ephesians 2:10 says "For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand so that we would walk in them." For women, God says that good works are a great way to adorn ourselves (1 Timothy 2:10). Jesus said good works are how we bring glory to God (Matthew 5:16). Galatians 6:8-10 tells us that doing good to all men (but especially to fellow Christians) helps us sow to the Spirit and reap eternal life.

One of the most common ways we serve today involves food. Moms with new little ones (or sick little ones!) appreciate meals being brought over and they're not the only ones. Here's an easy trick: when you make a freezable meal for dinner, make three. It doesn't take much more time and can really be handy. Serve one of the meals, freeze the other two and you'll have a meal on hand next time there's a need. Consider setting aside smaller portions too. Cooking for one person is hard! Maybe you could set aside a serving of the meal you serve your family, freeze it and bring it to a widow or widower.

Laundry is another easy way to serve those around you. An ailing brother or sister, someone grieving, or going through an otherwise stressful situation just might appreciate a phone call like this: "If you could, please put your dirty laundry out on your porch in big trash bags by 2:00 tomorrow afternoon and I'll swing by to pick it up. No need to clean for company; I won't be coming in. I'll just grab the laundry and on Wednesday night I'll bring it all washed, dried and folded for you."

Serving others with good works is in our design just as the serving spoon. We have the broad shoulders of Christ to lean on, helping us to serve as we ought. If we keep our eternal destiny in mind, we can keep on serving without growing weary (Galatians 6:9)

Prayer: Thank God for opportunities to serve and bring glory to Him. Ask Him to help you keep a watch for more opportunities and to have an attitude of servitude.