



Date: January 18, 2026
Series: Walking in Wisdom
Title: "The Wisdom and Blessing of Serving Others"
Text: Galatians 5:13-17; 6:9-10, et al

I. Why is serving wise?

A. Serving is wise because it aligns your life with Kingdom priorities.

Scripture: Mark 10:43

"Love is the desire to do good to others. It is the very nature of God, and when we serve, we are most like Him." Jonathan Edwards

B. Serving is wise because it converts temporary loss into eternal investment.

Scripture: 2 Corinthians 9:6

C. Serving is wise because it is a weapon to defeat the flesh.

Scripture: Galatians 5:13-17; 1 Peter 5:6

II. How can I serve wisely?

A. You serve wisely when you serve out of fullness, not empty legalism.

Scripture: Galatians 5:13; 1 Peter 4:10-11

B. You serve wisely when you serve with what you've been given.

Scripture: 1 Corinthians 12:7

C. You serve wisely when you serve with perseverance, relying on God's timing.

Scripture: Hebrews 10:24-25; Galatians 6:9

*"The harvest is sure, but the season is God's.
Our job is not to produce the crop, but to stay in the field."* Alistair Begg

D. You serve wisely when you serve generously while acknowledging your limitations.

Scripture: Galatians 6:10

Conclusion:

Don't wait to be asked. Don't wait for a better season. The season for sowing in service is now.

Questions to Consider & Discuss:

- 1) Where do you feel the strongest pressure from the world to "climb" right now (e.g., at work, in social status, or even in your family)? How does Jesus' example in Mark 10:42-45 challenge that pressure?
- 2) Can you share a time when you "sacrificed" time or resources to serve someone and ended up feeling more energized or "wealthy" spiritually than before?
- 3) Why do you think looking *outward* at others' needs is more effective at curing anxiety and pride than looking *inward* at our own problems?
- 4) What gifts and resources has God given you for His service? How can you use that specific tool more intentionally this month?
- 5) For those of you who are currently serving in any capacity, how do you distinguish between "good tired" (working in God's strength) and "burnout" (working in your own strength)? How can we support each other in staying the course?
- 6) As an individual, family, small group or a church body, what is one practical "gap" or need you see in our local congregation right now? How can we, as a group, move from "noticing" that need to "wisely meeting" it without overextending ourselves?