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Part 8 Weekly Challenges to Get Closer to God

Challenge #18 Volunteer and Serve

This is part of a yearly series "Weekly Challenges to Get Closer to God". There are 26 challenges for 1 year. You prayerfully concentrate on 1 task for 1 week (every other week) and see what happens.

Each of us should use our gifts to volunteer and serve to help others. That is what God wants us to do. There are several ways to volunteer in your church. Try them out and see which way suits your gifts and abilities. You can always serve food at your local mission. Or bring food to the sick. It doesn't have to be something extravagant.

Most of us have very busy schedules and we just don't believe we have the time to volunteer. But it doesn't have to be something that takes up a lot of your precious time. God knows your schedule and he will lead you if you let him.

So for this week, pray and volunteer and serve. Do something out of the usual and help someone. See how good it feels and see how you get closer to God.

Here are some Bible verses to motivate you.

<u>1 Peter 4:10</u> Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God's grace in its various forms.

<u>Proverbs 11:24</u> One person gives freely, yet gains even more; another withholds unduly, but comes to poverty.

<u>Galatians 6:10</u> Therefore, as we have opportunity, let us do good to all people, especially to those who belong to the family of believers.

<u>Ephesians 2:10</u> For we are God's handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do.

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