

THE HOUSEHOLD OF GOD

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Week 4: Serve
John 13:1 - 17

- I. The Setting (vv. 1-3)
- II. The Act (vv. 4,5)
- III. The Conversation (vv. 6-11)
- IV. The Explanation (vv. 12-16)
- V. The Last Bite (v. 17)

Jesus' Heart on Serving

- Serving is not just what we do, it is who we are.
- Serving is a privilege, not payment of a debt.
- All followers of Jesus are called to serve.
- It is in serving that we find joy!

We do not serve merely from our own ability, strategy, or effectiveness; God is involved in all aspects.

1. The Spirit distributes specific gifts to the people of God.

1 Cor. 12:4 Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit;

2. Jesus provides the opportunity to express those gifts.

1 Cor. 12:5 and there are varieties of service, but the same Lord;

3. The Father produces results from our exercised gifts.

1 Cor. 12:6 and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who empowers them all in everyone.

4. God gifts us, provides opportunity for those gifts, and empowers them for OUR BENEFIT!

1 Cor. 12:7 To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good.

a. God continually works to provide ...

δίδοται pres. ind. pass. δίδωμι (G1443) to give. Pres. points to the habitual and repeated action.

b. ...what is needed for our growth and unity.

συνφέρον pres. act. part. n. sing. to bring together, to confer a benefit, to be advantageous, profitable or useful

Reflection/Response

1. Reflect on times in your life when you were sacrificially served by someone. Identify the ways God has used that for your benefit, and possibly the benefit of those watching.
2. How are you currently living a life of service within the body of Christ (ministry settings, small groups, etc.)? How have you seen God work in those areas? How does 1 Cor. 12:4 - 7 free you up to serve?
3. Recognizing that our mutual service allows the body to be built up and that God uses our service to reveal himself to the world around us, in what ways can you grow in your service?



SONGS

- "GOD SO LOVED" – A. Bergthold, E. Cash, F. Cash, M. Cash, and S. Cash
- "DO IT AGAIN" - Chris Brown, Mack Brock, Matt Redman, and Steven Furtick
- "BUILD MY LIFE" – B. Younker, K. Martin, K. Kable, P. Barrett, and M. Redman
- "JESUS PAID IT ALL" – Elvina M. Hall

BUDGET

GIVING LAST WEEK:	\$ 28,454.56
WEEKLY NEED:	\$ 36,093.00
Y-T-D GIVING:	\$ 1,508,067.26
Y-T-D GENERAL NEED:	\$ 1,588,092.00