

The Year of Sowing

Prayer Guide

Week 39

The Year of Sowing – As a servant – Serving as an Example to Others

And you yourself must be an example to them by doing good works of every kind. Let everything you do reflect the integrity and seriousness of your teaching..

Titus 2:6-7 (NLT)



Prayer Focus: Your life is an example to others. It is true, we do not live our lives for other people, but for the Lord, but Paul is very clear that our lives are to be examples to others of Christ-like living. Paul writes to the Philippians in **Philippians 4:9** *The things which you learned and received and heard and saw in me, these do, and the God of peace will be with you.* Paul writes here to Titus that our lives are to be an example of every kind of good work. In other words, our lives should be an example to other around us, both believers and unbelievers of the work of the Spirit of God in our lives through our serving. Our motive should be to encourage others and to reflect the servant heart of the Lord Jesus Christ, who is the ultimate example of servanthood. Again, this is not egotistical showmanship, but rather humble service to others for the King, as an example of the life of serving that might encourage others to use their lives to serve also. Your life of service is an example to your children, to encourage them to grow up to have a serving lifestyle. Your life of service is an example to other believers to motivate and encourage them to greater works of service. Your life of service is an example to the unbelieving world to demonstrate to them the power of the Holy Spirit to transform lives. The tendency of the world is not to serve but to get. Our example of serving reflects to the world around us the heart of God. Done with the right motives and with sincere hearts of integrity, your life can be a powerful testimony to others. Continue to seek God for His will and His work in your life to transform you into a servant who exemplifies the servant heart of Jesus.

Day 1: Ask the Lord to show you the power of the example of a servant lifestyle... starting with Jesus.

Day 2: Look around you and find others who exemplify a servant lifestyle.

Day 3: Talk to the Lord about any ways that you are hesitant to be an example of service to others.

Day 4: Ask the Lord to give you the proper heart of servanthood to be an example to others.

Day 5: Pray for the people in your church to seek to be examples to one another of serving in this way.

Day 6: Pray that believers in other churches in your city will catch the vision of being examples of serving.

Day 7: Pray for missionaries who are constantly being watched by those they serve.