

## Ways to Serve

*For the administration of this service not only supplies the needs of the saints, but also is abounding through many thanksgivings to God. —1 Corinthians 9:12*

We all have days of discouragement and even despondency. Sometimes we just want to get away from the situations we face. Perhaps you have faced tragedy, pain, rejection, or unreasonable demands. You may feel all alone, unappreciated, or even disrespected. It is in those times that a simple word of encouragement is more valuable than a locket of gold.

We may not be able to give much monetarily but we can give in ways that will glorify God. Whatever we do to supply the needs of God's children, even a word of encouragement glorifies our Savior.

Giving sacrificially is the evidence of our love for the Lord. It is the believers' way of responding to God's gift. One way may be the sacrificial giving of tithes and offerings but that is not the only way. It is the giving of service that is a blessing to others. It is reaching out and liberally sharing to meet the needs of fellow believers. It includes a words of encouragement, time spent listening to one going through trials, helpful acts of service, willingness to pray for the saints in need as well as sharing our material possessions to help others.