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The Call of Service to Others

Service, defined as the voluntary act of giving one's time, resources, or energy for the benefit of others, is more than a compassionate gesture. When you give to others you are being selfless and you are helping the community as a whole. When you are open and pure you can not only receive but also give acts of service. Giving to others in need is a pure gift, a gift of love and joy to someone else. You never know what your kindness can do for someone else. Giving is also one of the best gifts that you can give to your soul. Helping others, and being kind can take on many different forms. These forms can change someone's life who needs help or happiness.

Being non-judgmental is an act of service, a smile and nod of acceptance can ease the pain of someone that you don't even know. Ironically these little acts of kindness that we make can feed our soul and make us stronger in our faith. Faith and kindness are contagious and are very easily spread to others. Using kind words or gestures can inspire others to make a change in their life when it is necessary. Inspiration can take many forms and as mature, if we are in tune with our soul and purpose, we can share our spirit with those around us. If someone is experiencing doubts or setbacks in their life, receiving positive advice can help that person make it through those hard times.

Service is a sacred calling that transforms both the self and the world. By serving others, we can elevate them and help guide them through challenges. Service helps remind us that true meaning in life is not only to be found in accomplishment, but in the way we can connect and

uplift others. Citizens can serve through mentoring, community service, or simple random acts of kindness. Even though acts of service can be physical, they inspire and change lives, even when we are clueless about the impact we can have. Many acts of service can have lasting effects that might be unknown and may cause a chain reaction. Inspiring others to serve their community can be easily done just by leading by example.

People's motivation for service can be very simple but also very complex. Some people serve because they are called and have a desire to be part of something bigger than themselves. Others get the feeling that they have to serve and have a sense of moral duty. Unselfish acts of service move us and reveal the best in our hearts. Service not only changes the world but it also changes the individual. The person doing the act of service is as deeply transformed as the one receiving the service. Serving gives you compassion and allows you to connect with others. It creates a sense of purpose in your life. In a world that equates success with status, many people have a void in their lives. When we serve others we become part of something sacred.

A life of service is not just a simple extracurricular activity. It is a way of being in and connecting with the world and your community. In today's world, service is not just valuable, but vital. When people serve together, they encounter common ground in a shared effort. Modern global issues like homelessness and public health crises demand collaborative efforts to be solved. Service is a survival strategy for our world. To live in service means that you must move out of your comfort zone and move towards others. It must be done even when no one will applaud your actions when your labor is invisible. Service is less about what we do and more about who we are becoming. It forces us to be present when there are many distractions and helps us become the best versions of ourselves.