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Recession Proof Yourself

(How to set yourself apart from the crowd)
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"Serve the Lord with gladness!" (Ps. 100:2 KJV)

"You, my brothers, were called to be free. But do not use your freedom to indulge the sinful nature; rather, **serve one another in love.**"
(Gal 5:13)

"Anyone wanting to be a leader among you must be your servant.
And if you want to be right at the top, you must serve like a slave." (Mat 20:25-28)

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Serving **Re-centers my life.**

"Your attitude must be like my own, for I did not come to be served, but to serve..." (Matt. 20:28; TLB)

Serving **Encourages others.**

"For even the Son of Man did not come to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many." (Mark 10:45)

Serving is **A cure for loneliness.**

"Just as each one of us has a body with many members, and these members do not all have the same function, so in Christ we who are many form one body, and **EACH MEMBER BELONGS TO ALL THE OTHERS.**" (Romans 12:4-5)

Serving **Sharpens my skills.**

". . . then, I urge you to live a life worthy of the calling you have received." (Eph 4:1)

"God has given each of you some special abilities; be sure to use them to help each other..." (Peter 4:10; TLB)

Serving **Opens up new possibilities.**

"Do you see a man skilled in his work? He will serve before kings; he will not serve before obscure men." (Prov 22:29)

"A gift opens the way for the giver and ushers him into the presence of the great." (Prov 18:16)

Serving **Never goes unrewarded.**

"And Jesus replied, 'Let me assure you that no one has ever given up anything--home, brothers, sisters, mother, father, children, or property--for love of me and to tell others the Good News, who won't be given back, a hundred times over, homes, brothers, sisters, mothers, children, and land--with persecutions! **All these will be his here on earth, and in the world to come he shall have eternal life.**"
(Mark 10:29-31)

"So, my dear brothers, since future victory is sure, be strong and steady, always abounding in the Lord's work, for you know that **nothing you do for the Lord is ever wasted** . . ." (1 Cor 15:58)

Serving **Shows Im serious.**

"Therefore, I urge you, brothers, in view of God's mercy, to offer your bodies as living sacrifices, holy and pleasing to God--this is your spiritual act of worship." (Rom 12:1)

"Why do you call me, 'Lord, Lord,' and do not do what I say?"
(Luke 6:46)