

Why the Whiners are Killing Our Country

(The one thing that separates the doers from the doubters)
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“Blessed is the one who does not walk in step with the wicked or stand in the way that sinners take or **sit in the company of mockers,**” (Psalm 1:1 NIV)

“Whoever serves me must follow me; and where I am, my servant also will be. **My Father will honor the one who serves me.**” (John 12:23)

"Serve the Lord with gladness!" (Ps. 100:2 (KJV))

" . . . whoever wants to become great among you must be your servant," (Mat 20:26)

"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)

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Serving **Re-centers my life.**

"But **seek** first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well. Therefore do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will worry about itself. Each day has enough trouble of its own." (Mat 6:33-34)

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)

"Therefore **encourage one another** and build each other up, just as in fact you are doing. Now we ask you, brothers, to respect those who work hard among you, who are over you in the Lord and who admonish you. Hold them in the highest regard in love because of their work. Live in peace with each other. And we urge you, brothers, **warn those who are idle,** encourage the timid, help the weak, be patient with everyone." (1 Th 5:11-14)

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.**

"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.**

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

Serving **Never goes unrewarded.**

"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 I'm serious.**

"Work hard and cheerfully at all you do, just as though you were working for the Lord and not merely for your masters, remembering that it is the Lord Christ who is going to pay you, giving you your full portion of all he owns. He is the one you are really working for. And if you don't do your best for him, he will pay you in a way that you won't like--for he has no special favorites who can get away with shirking." (Col 3:23-25)