



## Greater Life Church South

*“Loving and Leading People to a Greater Life”*

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## Point 3: Servanthood Strengthens Structure

**Main Scripture:** Acts 6:3–6 (NKJV)

### Introduction:

In Acts 6, the early church was growing rapidly, but with growth came strain. Needs were being overlooked, tensions were rising, and the structure was starting to feel the pressure. The apostles recognized something powerful, that the strength of the ministry would not come from doing everything themselves, but from establishing servant leadership. They appointed men full of the Holy Spirit and wisdom to serve, not just to meet practical needs, but to protect the unity and flow of the church. This shows us that when servanthood is in place, structure becomes stable. A healthy church is not built on titles, but on people willing to serve where there is a need.

### Core Lesson Thoughts:

- They appointed qualified, Spirit-filled people to serve
- This created structure that strengthened the entire ministry
- At Greater Life, we are not just building services, we are building a structure that can sustain what God is doing

### Key Points:

#### A. The right people in the right roles release greater impact

- At Greater Life, placement matters, not just participation
- When people are aligned with their calling, ministry flows with less strain and more effectiveness
- Misalignment creates frustration, but proper alignment produces fruit
- God doesn't just anoint people, He anoints assignments

#### B. Serving is not lesser, it is essential to kingdom advancement

- At Greater Life, there is no “small” role, every role supports the mission
- What happens behind the scenes is just as powerful as what happens on the platform
- The early church grew because people were willing to serve, not just be seen



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- Service is not a demotion, it is a divine position in God’s system

Discussion:

### Signs You’re Serving with the Right Heart

#### Sign One: You serve with humility, not needing recognition

- True servanthood is proven when you’re content being unseen, because your reward comes from God, not people
- Scripture: *Colossians 3:23–24 (NKJV)*
  - “And whatever you do, do it heartily, as to the Lord and not to men, knowing that from the Lord you will receive the reward of the inheritance, for you serve the Lord Christ.”

#### Sign Two: You are consistent, even when no one is watching

- Consistency reveals character, and character is what God trusts with greater responsibility
- Scripture: *Luke 16:10 (NKJV)*
  - “He who is faithful in what is least is faithful also in much, and he who is unjust in what is least is unjust also in much.”

#### Sign Three: You celebrate others instead of competing

- A kingdom mindset understands that when one wins, the whole body wins, and at Greater Life we win together
- Scripture: *Romans 12:15 (NKJV)*
  - “Rejoice with those who rejoice, and weep with those who weep.”

#### Sign Four: You are teachable and open to correction

- A right heart stays moldable, because growth requires instruction and adjustment
- Scripture: *Proverbs 9:9 (NKJV)*
  - “Give instruction to a wise man, and he will be still wiser; teach a just man, and he will increase in learning.”



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### **Signs You're Serving with the Wrong Heart**

#### **Sign One: You only serve when it's visible or acknowledged**

- If recognition is your motivation, inconsistency will eventually follow
- Scripture: *Matthew 6:2 (NKJV)*
  - "Therefore, when you do a charitable deed, do not sound a trumpet before you as the hypocrites do in the synagogues and in the streets, that they may have glory from men. Assuredly, I say to you, they have their reward."

#### **Sign Two: You get easily offended when overlooked**

- Offense in service often reveals a hidden expectation of entitlement, and entitlement will disrupt unity at Greater Life
- Scripture: *Ecclesiastes 7:9 (NKJV)*
  - "Do not hasten in your spirit to be angry, for anger rests in the bosom of fools."

#### **Sign Three: You compare your role to others**

- Comparison distracts you from your assignment and dishonors how God uniquely positioned you in this house
- Scripture: *2 Corinthians 10:12 (NKJV)*
  - "For we dare not class ourselves or compare ourselves with those who commend themselves. But they, measuring themselves by themselves, and comparing themselves among themselves, are not wise."

#### **Sign Four: You resist correction or accountability**

- A resistant spirit blocks growth and limits how far God can develop you, and we are growing leaders at Greater Life
- Scripture: *Proverbs 15:32 (NKJV)*
  - "He who disdains instruction despises his own soul, but he who heeds rebuke gets understanding."



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