

Getting Noticed

Action Guide



The goal of this action guide is to provide you a week long reflection on how you might become more focused on the spiritual habit of serving others. The belief is that if we all become more intentional in our efforts of serving others we may earn the right (I know it is weird to think we need to earn this right) to tell others just how much they matter to God. So, let's take a look at what we are going to cover in this action guide.

Day 1 – Get Noticed by Noticing Others.

Day 2 – Get Noticed by Becoming a Bridge Builder

Day 3 – Get Noticed by Offering Immediate Relief

Day 4 – Get Noticed by Intentionally Praying for Others

Day 5 – Get Noticed by Being an Encourager

BONUS DAY – Get Noticed by Considering some Obstacles to Getting Noticed

Day 1



Verse to Reflect Upon: "**Based on the gift they have received, everyone should use it to serve others, as good managers of the varied grace of God.**"—[1 Peter 4:10](#)

Take a few moments to read through 1 Peter 4:10 silently. Replace THEY and EVERYONE with "I". Invite the Holy Spirit to reveal to you how you have been effective in doing this and also how you might be more intentional about making this a regular part of your life.

Record what you discover here: _____

Based upon this verse how does serving others increase your opportunity to be noticed?

Day 2



1. God invites us to be **reconcilers** or **bridge-builders**. Often times there is a gap that exists between God and people, but even before we can help someone close the gap between them and God we need to help them close a gap with something or someone else. That gap could be a broken relationship, a loss of a job (who they are now and who they once were), new to the area, etc...

What are some other gaps that might be opportunities for you to be a Bridge-Builder?

Read 2 Corinthians 5:17-21

Why do you suppose God gave you a ministry of reconciliation?

Day 3



God invites us to come alongside someone in need as a source of **IMMEDIATE relief**. Many times, offering a friendly smile, a genuine “Hello” or a hand to help someone put his or her groceries in the car is all that is needed to create a powerful conversation.

What are some ways that you have experienced IMMEDIATE relief from another?

Read Luke 7

What are some ways that Jesus provided IMMEDIATE relief?

How might you offer IMMEDIATE relief to someone today?



God invites us to participate in what He is already doing in the world by commanding us to **pray for one another**. Paul tells, “Requests, prayers, intercession and thanksgiving be made for everyone...that we may live peaceful and quiet lives in all godliness and holiness. This is good and pleases God our Savior” (1 Timothy 2:1-3). Your assignment today is 1) Pray to God about people He would like for you to pray about; 2) Record their names; 3) Ask God what needs He would like for you to pray about; 4) Record those needs; 5) Pray to God seeking the Holy Spirit’s engagement; 6) Remain watchful to God’s presence.

Who would God like for you to pray for today?

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The names that were revealed to you – What are their needs?

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God invites us to participate in what He is already doing by being an **encourager to others**. To encourage someone is to inspire that person to take an action that he or she most likely would not take without inspiration and motivation.

Read Matthew 14:22-29

Ask the Holy Spirit to reveal to you some names of people who need to feel invited to *“Get out of the Boat”*

What action will you take to be a source of encouragement for them?

BONUS DAY

EXTRA BONUS PROMOS

Many of us want to follow through on God's expectation of us to serve others. We have the best of intentions, but something happens in the process. We establish a goal to better serve. We may even say once a week I am going to serve here, but it never really quite sticks. The truth is one is not really a servant until one develops the habit of a servant. To discover the habits of a servant we may need to take a look at a few obstacles that might keep us from following through on our good intentions.

Obstacle #1 – **Your treasure.** In Exodus 16 the people are instructed to do what?

In other words, their habit to be developed was to trust God each day to provide for them the bread that would sustain their life.

What daily habit do you need to revisit to help you become more God reliant and less self-reliant? Consider the question of your treasure – the bread from heaven was a treasure for a people who were starving.

Obstacle #2 – **Your entitlements.** As you consider the sacrifices you have made, and the disappointments you have endured what do you honestly believe you are entitled to? Have you ever said, "Just once I would like to get a break..." If you have, then like me, you believe you are entitled to some certain entitlements 😊.

What are some of those entitlements?

The daily habit that needs to be exercised in order for us to overcome this obstacle is the habit of humility. Notice the word is humility, not humiliation. What is one way that might help you develop the habit of being a more humble person? You might find the answer by looking at Luke 18:9-14

Obstacle #3 – Your Perseverance. It is a challenge for those who have overcome a lot to see people who are in need. The inner strength and conviction of an overcomer can easily become a source of pride. The worldview of an overcomer can be, “I made it, so can you,” thus missing the opportunity to be a servant.

The daily habit that needs to be developed here is the habit of empathy. Empathy is being able to see a person going through the same exact hardship and struggle you once experienced, but viewing that experience through the eyes of the person who is currently struggling. We can develop more empathy for people if we turn over our biases to God. What are some of your biases (try to think of 7 and then each day turn one bias over to God)

If you need any assistance with this action guide, or would like to talk with me about your discovery, please don't hesitate in reaching out to me.

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I look forward to continually growing with you.

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