

## 51-Service & Servitude

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Hinduism, Vyāsa, *The Mahabharata* 12 264.2

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Is it not to share your food with the hungry and to provide the poor wanderer with shelter when you see the naked, to clothe them, and not to turn away from your own flesh and blood.

Then your light will break forth like the dawn, and your healing will quickly appear; then your righteousness[a] will go before you, and the glory of the Lord will be your rear guard.

Judaism, *Yisheyah (Isaiah)* 58:6-8

Let no one neglect one's own duty for the sake of another's, however great; let a person after one has discerned one's own duty, be always attentive to this duty.

Buddhism, *Dhammapada* 166

“He who is greatest among you shall be your servant; whoever exalts himself will be humbled, and whoever humbles himself will be exalted.”

Christianity, *Matthew* 23: 11

And he sat down and called the twelve; and he said to them, "If any one would be first, he must be last of all and servant of all."

Christianity, *Mark* 9: 35

Don't forget to show hospitality to strangers, for some who have done this have entertained angels without realizing it!

Christianity, *Hebrews* 13: 2

So give what is due to kindred, the needy, and the wayfarer. That is best for those who seek the Countenance, of Allah, and it is they who will prosper.

Islam, *Qur'án* 35: 27

One who serves and seeks no recompense finds union with the Lord. Such a servant alone takes the Master's guidance, says Nanak, As on him is divine grace.

Sikhism, *Adi Granth, Sukhmani* 18, M.5, p. 286

Without selfless service are no objectives fulfilled; In service lies the purest action.

Sikhism, *Adi Granth, Maru*, M.1, p. 992

Know that the conditions of existence are limited to the conditions of servitude, of prophethood and of Deity, but the divine and the contingent perfections are unlimited.

Bahá'i, 'Abdu'l-Bahá,  
*Some Answered Questions*, p. 130

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Bahá'i, Bahá'u'lláh,  
*Tablets of Bahá'u'lláh*, p. 138

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Summarize the following text and create the free-form, non-rhyming lyrics and style structure for a bluegrass song featuring a baritone male voice and multiple instrumental solos of finger-picked guitar, banjo, fiddle, upright bass, and mandolin

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