

The volunteers

Building an unrelated group of volunteers into a body representing Jesus

The volunteers

Building an unrelated group of volunteers into a body representing Jesus

OFFERING is required

The volunteers

Building an unrelated group of volunteers into a body representing Jesus

OFFERING is required

Romans 12:1-2

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. 2 Do not conform any longer to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is-his good, pleasing and perfect will.

The volunteers

Building an unrelated group of volunteers into a body representing Jesus

OFFERING is required

Romans 12:3-13

For by the grace given me I say to every one of you: **Do not think of yourself more highly than you ought, but rather think of yourself with sober judgment, in accordance with the measure of faith God has given you.** 4 Just as each of us has one body with many members, and these members do not all have the same function, 5 so in Christ we who are many form one body, and each member belongs to all the others. 6 We have different gifts, according to the grace given us. If a man's gift is prophesying, let him use it in proportion to his faith. 7 If it is serving, let him serve; if it is teaching, let him teach; 8 if it is encouraging, let him encourage; if it is contributing to the needs of others, let him give generously; if it is leadership, let him govern diligently; if it is showing mercy, let him do it cheerfully. 9 Love must be sincere. Hate what is evil; cling to what is good. 10 Be devoted to one another in brotherly love. Honour one another above yourselves. 11 Never be lacking in zeal, but keep your spiritual fervor, serving the Lord. 12 Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, faithful in prayer. 13 Share with God's people who are in need. Practice hospitality.

The volunteers

Building an unrelated group of volunteers into a body representing Jesus

OFFERING is required

Church is a collective and not individual.

We, as individuals, are here to serve in whatever capacity we are capable of, and become part of the collective as we find our place. We do not to exalt ourselves but allow God to exalt us in whatever way he chooses.

The volunteers

Building an unrelated group of volunteers into a body representing Jesus

OFFERING is required

"Don't fancy yourself as MR BIG! The other person has gifts. Each individual should evaluate himself not by measuring himself with his own yardstick but by the measure of faith God has apportioned him."
(Hendriksen)

The volunteers

Building an unrelated group of volunteers into a body representing Jesus

OFFERING is required

"Don't fancy yourself as MR BIG! The other person has gifts. Each individual should evaluate himself not by measuring himself with his own yardstick but by the measure of faith God has apportioned him."

(Hendriksen)

(from The Wycliffe Bible Commentary)

We are to make a self-evaluation as God has apportioned the measure of faith to each one. Paul is not here speaking of "saving faith" but rather "a working-for-God faith." "Saving faith" would be no standard for correct self-judgment. Only pride would say: "See how much saving faith I have." But it is a humbling experience to say: "Here is the faith I have for carrying out this or that particular task for God." This can only lead to the prayer, "Lord, increase our faith". In the account of the heroes of faith in Hebrews 11 we see that the measure of faith given corresponds to the task to be accomplished.

The volunteers

Building an unrelated group of volunteers into a body representing Jesus

OFFERING is required

HUMILITY is required

The volunteers

Building an unrelated group of volunteers into a body representing Jesus

OFFERING is required

HUMILITY is required

Luke 18:11-14 The Pharisee stood up and prayed about himself: 'God, I thank you that I am not like other men-robbers, evildoers, adulterers-or even like this tax collector. 12 I fast twice a week and give a tenth of all I get.' 13 "But the tax collector stood at a distance. He would not even look up to heaven, but beat his breast and said, 'God, have mercy on me, a sinner.' 14 "I tell you that this man, rather than the other, went home justified before God. **For everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, and he who humbles himself will be exalted.**"

The volunteers

Building an unrelated group of volunteers into a body representing Jesus

OFFERING is required

1 Peter 4:10-11

As each has received a gift, use it to serve one another, as good stewards of God's varied grace: 11 whoever speaks, as one who speaks oracles of God; whoever serves, as one who serves by the strength that God supplies—in order that in everything God may be glorified through Jesus Christ. To him belong glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen.

The volunteers

Building an unrelated group of volunteers into a body representing Jesus

OFFERING is required

HUMILITY is required

Matthew 18:1-4 At that time the disciples came to Jesus and asked, "Who is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven?" 2 He called a little child and had him stand among them. 3 And he said: "I tell you the truth, unless you change and become like little children, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven. 4 Therefore, whoever **humbles** himself like this child is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven.

The volunteers

Building an unrelated group of volunteers into a body representing Jesus

OFFERING is required

HUMILITY is required

Galatians 6:3-5 If anyone thinks he is something when he is nothing, he deceives himself. 4 Each one should test his own actions. Then he can take pride in himself, without comparing himself to somebody else, 5 for each one should carry his own load.

The volunteers

Building an unrelated group of volunteers into a body representing Jesus

OFFERING is required

HUMILITY is required

Philippians 2:3-9

Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit, but in **humility** consider others better than yourselves. 4 Each of you should look not only to your own interests, but also to the interests of others. 5 Your attitude should be the same as that of Christ Jesus: 6 Who, being in very nature God, did not consider equality with God something to be grasped, 7 but made himself nothing, taking the very nature of a servant, being made in human likeness. 8 And being found in appearance as a man, he **humbled** himself and became obedient to death- even death on a cross! 9 Therefore God exalted him to the highest place and gave him the name that is above every name,.....

The volunteers

Building an unrelated group of volunteers into a body representing Jesus

OFFERING is required

HUMILITY is required

UNITY is required

Ephesians 4:3 Make every effort to keep the unity of the Spirit through the bond of peace.

1 Corinthians 12:7

Now to each one the manifestation of the Spirit is given for the common good.

The volunteers

Building an unrelated group of volunteers into a body representing Jesus

OFFERING is required

HUMILITY is required

UNITY is required

Ephesians 4:3 Make every effort to keep the unity of the Spirit through the bond of peace.

The volunteers

Building an unrelated group of volunteers into a body representing Jesus

OFFERING is required

HUMILITY is required

UNITY is required

Eph 4:3 Make every effort to keep the unity of the Spirit through the bond of peace.

1 Corinthians 12:7

Now to each one the manifestation of the Spirit is given for the common good.

Whatever gift you have is not to promote you, but to promote others.

To create UNITY through serving

The volunteers

Building an unrelated group of volunteers into a body representing Jesus

OFFERING is required

HUMILITY is required

UNITY is required

The test of your gift is that others recognize and receive it.

1 Corinthians 14:12

Since you are eager to have spiritual gifts, try to excel in gifts that build up the church.

The volunteers

Building an unrelated group of volunteers into a body representing Jesus

OFFERING is required

HUMILITY is required

UNITY is required

The test of your gift is that others recognize and receive it.

1 Peter 4:10-11

Each one should use whatever gift he has received to serve others, faithfully administering God's grace in its various forms. 11 If anyone speaks, he should do it as one speaking the very words of God. If anyone serves, he should do it with the strength God provides, so that in all things God may be praised through Jesus Christ. To him be the glory and the power for ever and ever. Amen.

The volunteers

Building an unrelated group of volunteers into a body representing Jesus

OFFERING is required
HUMILITY is required
UNITY is required

Jesus objective has always be unity, oneness.

John 17:21-23

.....that they may all be one, just as you, Father, are in me, and I in you, that they also may be in us, so that the world may believe that you have sent me. 22 The glory that you have given me I have given to them, that they may be one even as we are one, 23 I in them and you in me, that they may become perfectly one,....

The volunteers

Building an unrelated group of volunteers into a body representing Jesus

OFFERING is required
HUMILITY is required
UNITY is required
LOVE is required

The volunteers

Building an unrelated group of volunteers into a body representing Jesus

OFFERING is required
HUMILITY is required
UNITY is required
LOVE is required

1 Peter 1:22

Now that you have purified yourselves by obeying the truth so that you have sincere love for your brothers, love one another deeply, from the heart.

The volunteers

Building an unrelated group of volunteers into a body representing Jesus

OFFERING is required
HUMILITY is required
UNITY is required
LOVE is required

1 John 4:7-12

Dear friends, let us love one another, for love comes from God. Everyone who loves has been born of God and knows God. 8 Whoever does not love does not know God, because God is love. 9 This is how God showed his love among us: He sent his one and only Son into the world that we might live through him. 10 This is love: not that we loved God, but that he loved us and sent his Son as an atoning sacrifice for our sins. 11 Dear friends, since God so loved us, we also ought to love one another. 12 No one has ever seen God; but if we love one another, God lives in us and his love is made complete in us.

The volunteers

Building an unrelated group of volunteers into a body representing Jesus

OFFERING is required
HUMILITY is required
UNITY is required
LOVE is required

John 13:34-35

"A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another. 35 By this all men will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another."

The volunteers

Building an unrelated group of volunteers into a body representing Jesus

OFFERING is required
HUMILITY is required
UNITY is required
LOVE is required

John 13:34-35

"A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another. 35 By this all men will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another."

1 Timothy 1:5-7

The goal of this command is love, which comes from a **pure heart** and a **good conscience** and a **sincere faith**.

The volunteers

Building an unrelated group of volunteers into a body representing Jesus

OFFERING is required
HUMILITY is required
UNITY is required
LOVE is required

**"Love can be known only
 by the actions it prompts."**

The volunteers

Building an unrelated group of volunteers into a body representing Jesus

OFFERING is required
HUMILITY is required
UNITY is required
LOVE is required

"Love can be known only by the actions it prompts."

**Our task is to serve each other with our
 gifting and in any other way we can.**

The volunteers

Building an unrelated group of volunteers into a body representing Jesus

OFFERING is required
HUMILITY is required
UNITY is required
LOVE is required

"Love can be known only by the actions it prompts."

**Our task is to serve each other with our
 gifting and in any other way we can.**

Galatians 5:6

For in Christ Jesus neither.....norcounts for anything,
 but only faith working through love.

The volunteers

Building an unrelated group of volunteers into a body representing Jesus

OFFERING is required
HUMILITY is required
UNITY is required
LOVE is required

The volunteers

Building an unrelated group of volunteers into a body representing Jesus

OFFERING is required
HUMILITY is required
UNITY is required
LOVE is required

Romans 12:9-10

Love must be sincere. Hate what is evil; cling to what is
 good. 10 Be devoted to one another in brotherly love.
 Honour one another above yourselves.