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This attitude can dramatically change how we view service opportunities. It will determine: whether or not we accept the opportunity in the first place, the quality and scope of our service and the depth of our involvement. We will consider it a privilege to serve. We will understand that God is giving us a chance to be a co-worker with Him in serving a group He has a special concern for—those in need.

Here's another way to capture this idea: The next time you have a chance to serve someone in need, treat it as though it is the **only** opportunity you will receive in your entire lifetime. Let it pass by and you will never have another opportunity to serve Jesus. With that in mind, go out and lavish your love for Jesus on the next person you have the privilege to serve.



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