

**PLENTY IN TWENTY**

# THE SPIRITUAL DISCIPLINES FOR GOSPEL GRACE

**SERVING**

*“The most significant gifts in the church’s life in every era are ordinary natural abilities sanctified.” - J.I. Packer*

## **SERVE! Obey in glad gratitude.**

We serve in response to God’s work in us. (1 Samuel 12:24)

We serve in reflection of God’s work in us. (Psalm 100:2, 84:10)

## **SERVE! Give in humble love.**

We give after the empowering example of Jesus. (John 13:12-16)

We give by the compelling love of Jesus. (2 Cor. 5:14-15)

## **SERVE! Labor in giftedness and grit.**

We use the gifts (natural and supernatural) God gives us in service to God and others. (Rom. 12, Eph 4, etc)

We use the strength God gives us in the hard work of service. (Col. 1:29)

# GOSPEL GRACE

CHURCH

## **CHURCH COVENANT**

*Having been brought by the grace of God to repent and believe in the Lord Jesus Christ, and having been baptized by immersion upon our profession of faith in the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, we do now in the presence of God and this assembly solemnly and joyfully renew our covenant with one another as one body in Christ.*

...

**We will contribute of ourselves and our resources cheerfully, sacrificially, and regularly to the support of the ministry, expenses of the church, relief of the poor, and the spread of the gospel throughout the world.**

...

**To these and all other Christian duties we humbly and cheerfully submit ourselves, striving to faithfully perform them in the strength of our Lord.** *We will, when we move from this place, as soon as possible unite with some other church where we can carry out the spirit of this covenant and the principles of God’s Word. May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with us all. Amen.*

## **SERVE! To genuinely display and respond to worship**

*In the year that King Uzziah died I saw the Lord sitting upon a throne, high and lifted up...Holy! Holy! Holy!...the whole earth is full of his glory! ... And the foundations of the thresholds shook at the voice of him who called...*

*And he touched my mouth and said: “Behold, this has touched your lips; your guilt is taken away, and your sin atoned for.”*

*Then I said, “Here I am! Send me.” And he said, “Go, and say to this people...”*