

*Expressions
of Good
Pt. 8*

*A Church Of Tov
Nurtures A
Culture of Service!*

Andy Warhol Is Credited With Saying,

*"In The Future,
Everyone Will Be World-famous
For 15 Minutes."*

Thus, The Shortened Phrase,
"Fifteen Minutes of Fame"

We Live In An Age Of Celebrity

You Can Be Famous For Being Famous.

Someone can actually attain celebrity status for no clearly identifiable talent.

They have done nothing of significance, good or bad. They have no noteworthy skill, or talent.

They appear to generate their own fame.

We Worship Celebrity.

- People Magazine's weekly audience is 4.6 million.
- Many TV shows are exclusively about Celebrities.
- There is even a mental disorder known as CWS: "Celebrity Worship Syndrome."
- Why do we obsess over them? Why call them idols.
- We live in a time of mass communication and instant information. We can use these tools to advance understanding of people and cultures.
 - Or, we can gossip!

The Late Eleanor Roosevelt Said:

*“Great Minds Talk About Ideas,
Average Minds Talk About Events,
Small Minds Talk About People.”*

The Purpose Of The Church And The Purpose Of Jesus Must Be The Same.

*“For even the Son of Man came not to be served
but to serve others and to give his life as a
ransom for many.”*

Mark 10:45 (NLT2)

Mark 10:35-45 (NLT2)

Then James and John, the sons of Zebedee, came over and spoke to him. “Teacher,” they said, “we want you to do us a favor.” “What is your request?” he asked. They replied, “When you sit on your glorious throne, we want to sit in places of honor next to you, one on your right and the other on your left.” But Jesus said to them, “You don’t know what you are asking!

Are you able to drink from the bitter cup of suffering I am about to drink? Are you able to be baptized with the baptism of suffering I must be baptized with?” “Oh yes,” they replied, “we are able!” Then Jesus told them, “You will indeed drink from my bitter cup and be baptized with my baptism of suffering. But I have no right to say who will sit on my right or my left. God has prepared those places for the ones he has chosen.”

When the ten other disciples heard what James and John had asked, they were indignant. So Jesus called them together and said, “You know that the rulers in this world lord it over their people, and officials flaunt their authority over those under them. But among you it will be different. Whoever wants to be a leader among you must be your servant, and whoever wants to be first among you must be the slave of everyone else. For even the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve others and to give his life as a ransom for many.”

Our Diversity Of Gifts Is What Makes Us Able To Function In A Healthy Way.

1 Corinthians 12:7-8, 11 (NLT2)

A spiritual gift is given to each of us so we can help each other. To one person the Spirit gives the ability to give wise advice; to another the same Spirit gives a message of special knowledge...It is the one and only Spirit who distributes all these gifts. He alone decides which gift each person should have.

1 Corinthians 12:14-18 (NLT2)

Yes, the body has many different parts, not just one part. If the foot says, “I am not a part of the body because I am not a hand,” that does not make it any less a part of the body. And if the ear says, “I am not part of the body because I am not an eye,” would that make it any less a part of the body? If the whole body were an eye, how would you hear? Or if your whole body were an ear, how would you smell anything? But our bodies have many parts, and God has put each part just where he wants it.

In A Church of Tov, It Is Not About...

- Who is an eye, or an ear, a hand, or a foot.
 - Who is at the head table.
 - Who is noticed.
 - Who is the best or the MVP.
- Any “Who” except Jesus and those we serve in His name.

In A Church of Tov, We Exist For Others

People are first, grace matters,
empathy is a first response, truth is told,
and doing what is just, righteous, and good
shapes the mission of the church,
because it belongs to Jesus.

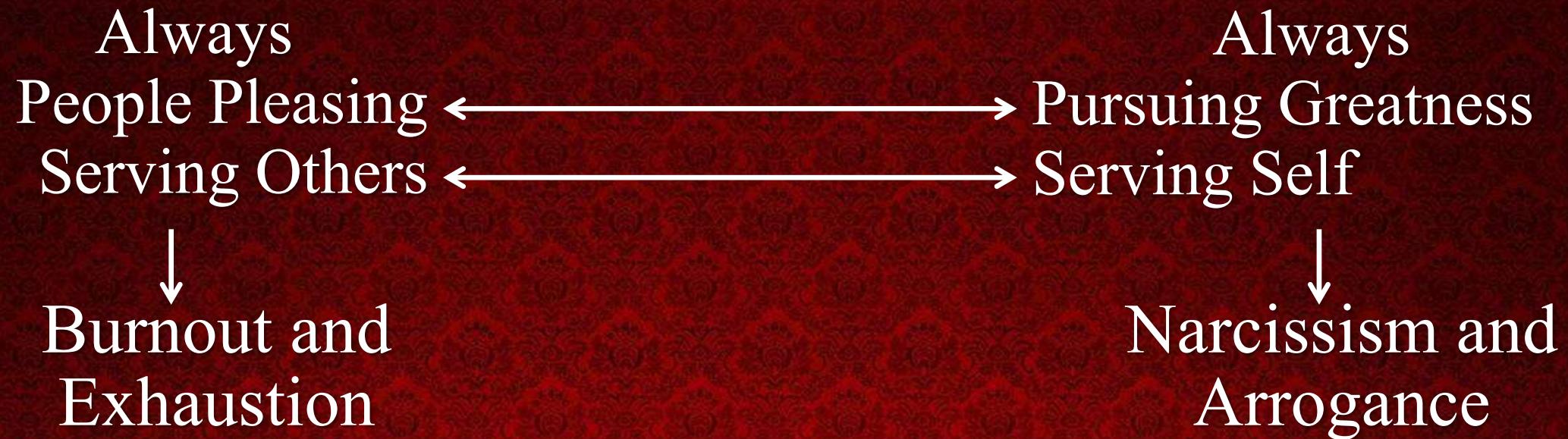
Ephesians 4:11-13 (NIV)

It was he who gave some to be apostles, some to be prophets, some to be evangelists, and some to be pastors and teachers, to prepare God's people for works of service, so that the body of Christ may be built up until we all reach unity in the faith and in the knowledge of the Son of God and become mature, attaining to the whole measure of the fullness of Christ.

Hebrews 10:24-25 (NLT2)

Let us think of ways to motivate one another to acts of love and good works. And let us not neglect our meeting together, as some people do, but encourage one another, especially now that the day of his return is drawing near.

In A Church of Tov, There Is Balance Between The Two Extremes Of “Always.”



In A Church Of Tov, Leaders Serve And Are Served; Members Serve And Are Served.

We Need To Recapture
The Glory Of Doing The Ordinary
With Extraordinary Consistency.

I Heard Someone Say,

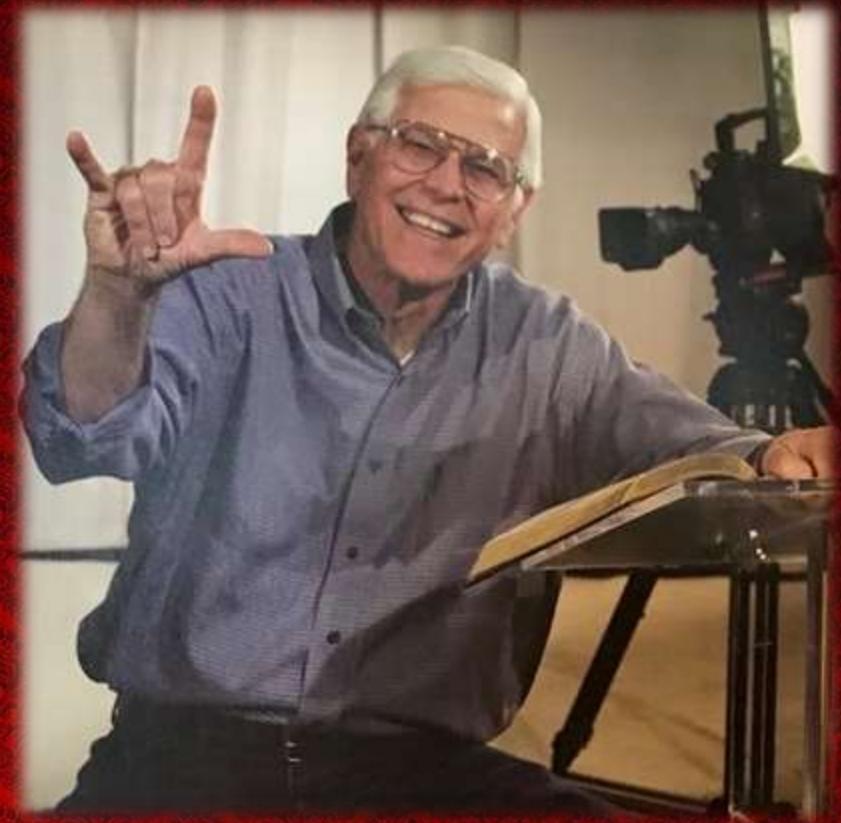
“Evangelism is one beggar telling another beggar where to find bread.”

I Think We Can Also Say,

“A life of service is ordinary people helping ordinary people travel through Life.”

We Must Never Lose Sight Of Why We Exist.

Marvin Philips
Long Time Evangelist
Garnett Church of Christ
Died in 2018 at 86.



*“You are not an
interruption of my day.
You are the reason for my day.”*

Our Assignment:

Do an ordinary thing for three different people that you encounter, who you think, would feel blessed by it.