

# Concern for Christ-Centered Service

Part 2

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(root of “deacon”)

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Ministry in the name of Jesus is **humble service** offered to the **church family** out of love and devotion to Jesus.

“complete” (NASB) = “mature” (ESV)  
literally means perfect

The Greek word is *telios*, from *telos*, and it has the idea of reaching the **ultimate** objective, goal or aim of something.

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Four marks/features of Christ-centered  
service in the church.

These four marks grow out of Paul's emphasis  
of *serving the church as Christ has served you.*

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The **secret to joyful Christ-centered service** is to see serving the church family as your privilege, **not** as a burden, interruption, or as an intrusion in your life.

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“Lacking” **simply means** that just as Jesus was misunderstood, maligned, mocked, rejected, ridiculed, and abused from living day to day in **obedient service** to God the Father, **everyone** who serves and follows Jesus in obedient living will **also share** in similar sufferings.

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*For just as the sufferings of Christ are ours in abundance, so also our comfort is abundant through Christ. (2 Corinthians 1:5)*

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*...all who desire to live godly in Christ will be persecuted.*  
(2 Timothy 3:12)

“The sufferings of all Christians are simply the continuation of the world’s quarrel with our Lord Jesus.”

*Sam Storms*

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- Stewardship is a compound in Greek **bringing together** the words for “house” and “manage.” We get our word “**economy**” from the Greek term used here.

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- 1 Corinthians 4:1-2

“A Christ-centered ministry cannot evade  
the cost of faithfulness.”

*Reginald White*

*Of this church [Jesus' body], I was **made** a minister [diakonos] ...so that I might fully carry out the preaching of the word of God.*

Colossians 1:25

We need to care for Jesus' body.

Living out the **character** of Jesus in your life means sacrificially serving the body of Christ in this church.

Serving Grace Church is serving Jesus.

Let's love Jesus together as we love  
and serve one another.

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