



“Did Someone Say He Needed Volunteers? Quick, Everyone Hide!”

Calendar Reminders

July 10-14
Youth Legislative Training
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D.C.

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ence, Washington, D.C.

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petition, Santa Maria, CA

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What is your first thought when someone asks for volunteers? Is it to hide? Is it to blend in with the crowd? It is to quickly come up with all the reasons you cannot volunteer your time, skills, and resources? Why is it that many of us hear the word *volunteer*, and it stirs within us a heavy sigh, eye rolling, or sheer panic? For myself, upon further examination, I conclude it is my selfish desires. Volunteering means the loss of time, the loss of resources and for what? What do I get in return? It is not for a paycheck or reward. Or is it? We can see volunteering all throughout the Bible. Paul uses almost an entire chapter in Romans 16 to greet and thank all those who were working for the sake of the church. I want to share five reasons from the Bible volunteering is exciting and good for all of us.

First, we are called to be fruitful or productive in Titus 3:14: “And let ours also learn to maintain good works for necessary uses, that they be not unfruitful.” Paul calls all believers to be fruitful. How are we to be fruitful? God’s inspired Word says through our good works for necessary uses. This work is not referring to a job or a paycheck, but a call for you and for me to use our good works to help wherever there is a need that we can meet. Volunteering is work, and we are called to be productive in our work.

Second, we simply need to look at the

example of Jesus Christ to cultivate a desire to volunteer. Mark 10:45 states, “For even the Son of Man came not to be ministered unto, but to minister, and to give his life a ransom for many.” The word translated as *minister* is the same word used for *deacon* and means “to serve”. Jesus did not come to earth to be served, but to serve. He was fully human and with that humanity came physical, emotional, and spiritual exhaustion; and yet he still served others and became the ultimate volunteer in the giving of his life for all mankind. Volunteering is exciting for no other reason than Jesus volunteered to be our substitute on the cross.

Third, volunteering is exciting because it reflects Christ in our life. Matthew 5:16 tells us, “Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven.” When I volunteer for the cause of Christ, it is a light to all the world so that they see my good works which ultimately point them to my heavenly Father and His glory. When we volunteer, it is a testimony to God’s goodness and mercy in our life. Our volunteering can be a gospel light to the lost around us.

Fourth, we should volunteer because when we do volunteer, we become distributors of God’s grace. 1 Peter 4:10 says, “As every man hath received the gift, even

Have you ever felt that your Physics students could recite memorized facts and solve Physics problems but were lacking in REALLY understanding what those facts and problems meant? If so, I have found a helpful resource that I believe has made a difference in enabling my students to grasp the meaning BEHIND the facts and problems.

I recommend you check at least two areas in the website. First, the *Teacher Tools* section. In this section, you will find a curriculum corner which allows FREE downloads of worksheets for printing and using in your classes. Also for a small fee, you can purchase a CD with all the worksheets AND the answers. Within that section they also offer for purchase a Question Bank CD. It is in Word format, is very inexpensive, and has a TON of questions. Although it doesn't come with answers (they do not offer the answers, on purpose, as that means the answers are not available to students ELTHER), I found it hugely helpful. There were so many question, for each specific idea, I could choose one for a class discussion example, one for a quiz, one for the test and another for the exam. Each of those questions

checked for the same understanding but were different enough to require the student to REALLY understand to be successful in answering.

Second, I recommend you look over the *Physics Tutorial* section. They have put together entire units of Physics and have done an amazing job! I've found it a helpful resource for myself to read through and grasp a better understanding. I've also used it for my students in a flipped classroom approach to have them read through the information on their own digital devices. Within each subject tutorial you have the opportunity to explore animated interactive labs to further understand the topic. They also end most of the subject explanations with a "check your understanding" section. They pose interesting questions, similar to what they offer on the CD, that require UNDERSTANDING and provide the opportunity for a student to check their answer.

In closing, I taught for 16 years before discovering this website 4 years ago and it has changed the way I teach Physics substantially. It is hugely beneficial to my students and to my own understanding of Physics. It is worth exploring!



Volunteerism, continued....

so minister the same one to another, as good stewards of the manifold grace of God." Wow! It is amazing, that we are stewards of the grace of God. When we volunteer our time, skills, and resources, we are sharing the grace of God to those who are benefiting from our volunteering. What better way to be used by God than to be distributing his grace to one another?

Fifth, we volunteer for the Lord and no one else. Do not volunteer for the rewards of man, for they are perishable and earthly. Colossians 3:23-24 tells us, "And whatsoever ye do, do it heartily, as to the Lord, and not unto men; Knowing that of the Lord ye shall receive the reward of the inheritance: for ye serve the Lord Christ."

We serve Christ and no one else. It is for God's good pleasure when we volunteer to serve others.

Volunteering can be a wonderful opportunity to serve Jesus Christ. I encourage you to remember these five reasons for volunteering the next time there is a request for volunteers: to be productive, to follow Jesus' example, to display a gospel testimony, to distribute God's grace, and to serve for God's glory.

