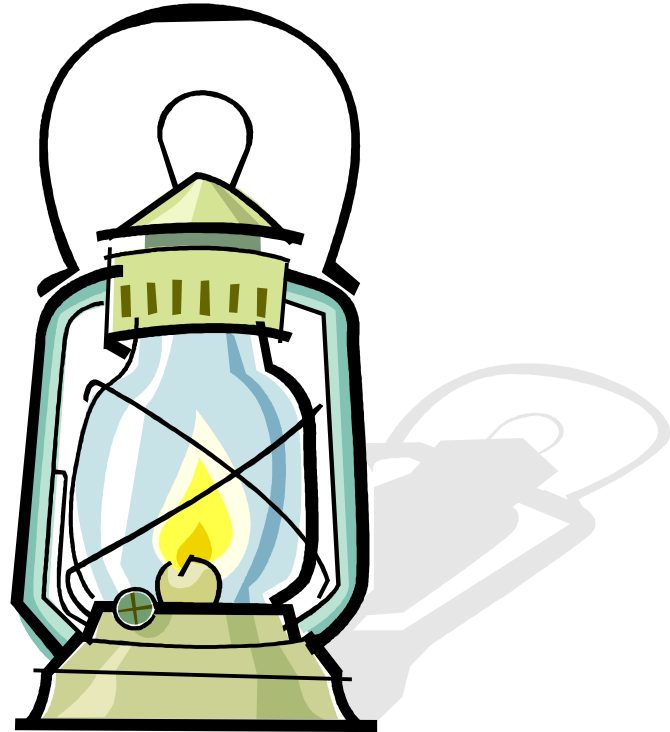


One way to understand detachment is to think about a lantern. Our soul is like the light and our physical being is like the lantern. When we are detached from the world we do not worry about the lantern (physical things such as beauty, material possessions, worldly titles, etc). Instead we concentrate on making our soul (the light) stronger. The bigger our light is, the bigger a shadow we can cast on the world outside. The more detached we are, the more we can serve others and be able to make a bigger difference in the world.

O my God, my Lord and my Master!
I have detached myself from my
kindred and have sought through
Thee to become independent of all
that dwell on earth and ever ready
to receive that which is
praiseworthy in Thy sight.
Bestow on me such good as will
make me independent of aught else
but Thee, and grant me an ampler
share of Thy boundless favors.
Verily, Thou art the Lord of
grace abounding.

-The Báb



Cut out an outline of a person standing up with their arms stretched upwards to represent someone arising to serve God and help His Cause. Cut out the banner with the quotation and put it between the person's hands, as if they are holding it up.

Arise thou to serve God and help His Cause.
-Bahá'u'lláh

Devotional on Service

Wert thou to consider this world, and realize how fleeting are the things that pertain unto it, thou wouldst choose to tread no path except the path of service to the Cause of thy Lord.

(Baha'u'llah, *Gleanings from the Writings of Baha'u'llah*, p. 314)

How great the blessedness that awaiteth him that hath attained the honor of serving the Almighty! By My life! No act, however great, can compare with it, except such deeds as have been ordained by God, the All-Powerful, the Most Mighty. Such a service is, indeed, the prince of all goodly deeds, and the ornament of every goodly act.

(Baha'u'llah, *Gleanings from the Writings of Baha'u'llah*, p. 334)

That one indeed is a man who, today, dedicateth himself to the service of the entire human race. The Great Being saith: Blessed and happy is he that ariseth to promote the best interests of the peoples and kindreds of the earth.

(Baha'u'llah, *Gleanings from the Writings of Baha'u'llah*, p. 249)

Man must work with his fellows. Everyone should have some trade, or art or profession, be he rich or poor, and with this he must serve humanity. This service is acceptable as the highest form of worship.

(Abdu'l-Baha, *Abdu'l-Baha in London*, p. 93)

Service to the friends is service to the Kingdom of God, and consideration shown to the poor is one of the greatest teachings of God.

(Abdu'l-Baha, *Selections from the Writings of Abdu'l-Baha*, p. 26)

Among the greatest of all services that can possibly be rendered by man to Almighty God is the education and training of children, young plants of the Abha Paradise, so that these children, fostered by grace in the way of salvation, growing like pearls of divine bounty in the shell of education, will one day bejewel the crown of abiding glory.

(Abdu'l-Baha, *Selections from the Writings of Abdu'l-Baha*, p. 133)

My Book About Service

Service is offering help to others because we want to make a difference in their lives.

It is putting others' needs before our own, and doing what we can to help people get what they need.

We should offer service to the whole world: our family, our friends, people in our community, people who live in other places, and the environment around us.

Having a spirit of service is looking out for ways we can help people and doing our very best when we are helping them.

Service helps us show compassion for others and do our part in building world peace.

Any work, which includes education, can be done as a service if we are contributing to making our communities a better place for everyone to live. Serving others is changing the world.



Service

Arise thou to serve God
and help His Cause.
-Bahá'u'lláh

This month our family is learning about Service.

*Arise thou to serve God
and help His Cause.
-Bahá'u'lláh*

Date:

Thank you for
your service!

Thank you for
your service!

We appreciate
your service.

We appreciate
your service.

Service with a smile
makes the job
worthwhile.

Service with a smile
makes the job
worthwhile.

Thank you. Your service
brought a smile to my face.

Thank you. Your service
brought a smile to my face.

Secret Service: Pick up toys.



Secret Service: Tidy books.



Secret Service: Tidy shoes.



Secret Service: Tidy clothes.



Secret Service: Make bed.



Secret Service: Give a hug.

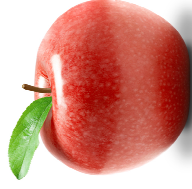


An apple seed is planted by a farmer.

We buy the apple and take it home to eat.

The seed is watered and a tree grows.

The Service it Takes To Get an Apple



The apple is put on the shelf for sale.

The apple is picked.

The truck drives to the grocery store.

The apple is put onto a truck.