

Husband and wife serve together

A. Why should husband and wife serve together?

1. This is God's will: two people become one, which is a union of soul, spirit and body, a union of the whole person. Therefore, service must also be combined. We cannot only consider our own service, but serve together.
2. Maintain an outward-looking attitude: the Dead Sea is dead because it only has inflow and no outflow. Only by constantly receiving from God and giving can we maintain fresh vitality. A family without service loses the vitality of life. Husband and wife can serve together and have a common service goal, which will enhance their relationship.
3. Greater effect in ministry: the power produced by the two people being of one mind and cooperating together is much greater than the sum of their individual powers.

B. What is serving together?

Husband and wife have different gifts, and they do not have to serve in the same position to be called serving together. Serving together means caring for each other and supporting each other in service. Just like the different pieces of a puzzle, they need to cooperate with each other to complete the big picture. So to serve with one heart, we must first recognize the big picture and then cooperate with each other.

Just like my early ministry, when the children were still young, my wife needed to take care of the family, freeing me to serve outside. She was less involved in church ministry because she had to take care of the children so that I could concentrate on serving in the church. But she saw my ministry as her ministry, so she was also very concerned about my ministry in the church. I also supported her in taking care of the children and blocked a lot of criticism for her. In the later period, she served as a district pastor and women's ministry, and we needed to fill in for each other. When she visited the group, I had to stay at home, and when I wrote sermons, she had to take care of the housework. We also discussed the situation of the ministry together and prayed for the church together.

C. Secrets to serving with one heart as a couple

1. A couple should serve in the same church so that they can be closer in spiritual practice. It is easier to be of one heart if you have the same spiritual home. It is difficult to be of one mind when there are two families, both physically and spiritually.

2. After marriage, you should maintain your service and life in the church, and avoid a cutting-off, otherwise you will easily become introverted in order to take care of your family. The biggest problem with families today is introversion, which will lose its vitality over time. But don't take on so many responsibilities that you neglect your family, as there are always some family responsibilities that couples need to face together.
3. When two people are of one mind and open to receiving other people's families, it will give people a sense of home, which is not provided by single people. You can open your home to be a place for group gatherings, or invite people home for dinner and chat.
4. You should have a common goal for service, so that you can serve with one mind.