

The Service Station

Remember the service station? When the car needed fuel, you pulled up to the pumps at your favorite full-service gas station. The attendant came out and pumped your gas, washed your windows, checked the oil, water and air in the tires and “serviced” what was required. To the best of my knowledge, there are no more full-service stations in our area, gone the way of drugstore fountains and drive-in movies. A lot of our service today comes from a machine rather than a nice man in a spiffy uniform. We’ve eliminated much of the human contact in our busy daily lives. We pay at the pump, have online bill pay, use the ATM machine for our banking needs, and even check ourselves out at the grocery store. Technology is great and I’m thankful for it, but I fear we’ve slowly losing the human touch of service.

One area of service that we should never want to automate is our service to our God and Christian families. The interaction of family members helping and serving each other should never be replaced with computers, video games, robots, or anything else. Christian family members should support each other physically and spiritually in all that they do. This week make the commitment to serve your family better than you did in the past.

“Who then is a faithful and wise servant, whom his master made ruler over his household, to give them food in due season? Blessed is that servant whom his master, when he comes, will find so doing. Assuredly, I say to you that he will make him ruler over all his goods. Matthew 24:45-47

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