

On Service in a Church Setting II

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1 Intro

In continuation of post 26 on 2023-07-29, I have some additional thoughts on this topic. [Last week's sermon](#) was on humility in church, particularly as it relates to the mentality around church. Nobody ought to engage with church only as they want to or feel served, we are commanded to engage with a local church body and we should be actively intent on engaging with others in the church, encouraging and serving them. In whatever service role we fill, then, we ought to determine how best to serve others, and not let our own inclinations or desires govern our behavior.

2 On the Other Hand

I am sensitive to the dangers of being (emotionally) manipulative toward others, especially in worship settings. It seems to me that there is a way to go too far in optimizing or over-engineering many service positions. Still, this seems like more of a high-level concern, at the planning or organization level. The individual serving in a role is still to fulfill their role as well as possible. Maybe most of my equivocation is at the organizational or planning level.