

# Committee Reflection

October



## Prayer

Gracious God—Father, Son, and Holy Spirit:

We are here to serve you, opening our hearts and minds to your sacred voice.

Help us to have the meekness of mind

to seek your thoughts over our own thoughts;

to have the humility of heart to yearn for one will—Your will;

to have the Serenity of the Spirit to let your peace be our peace,  
no matter what transpires.

Help us to be your servants seeking wisdom, and acting in faith.

Hear us as we pray the prayer Christ taught us:

*Our Father, who art in heaven...*



## Richard Foster, *Celebration of Discipline*

If true service is to be understood and practiced, it must be distinguished clearly from “self-righteous service.”

- Self-righteous service comes through human effort... True service comes from a relationship with the Divine Other deep inside.
- Self-righteous service requires external rewards... True service rests contented in hiddenness.
- Self-righteous service is highly concerned with results... True service is free of the need to calculate results. It delights only in the service.
- Self-righteous service picks and chooses whom to serve... True service is indiscriminate in its ministry.
- Self-righteous service is affected by moods and whims. It can serve only when there is a “feeling” to serve... True service ministers simply and faithfully because there is a need.
- Self-righteous service is temporary... True service is a life-style.
- Self-righteous service fractures community... True service builds community.



## • **Reflection Questions:**

- *What thoughts stand out most to you in this passage?*
- *What does this say to you about what should our focus be in the church and as leaders?*

