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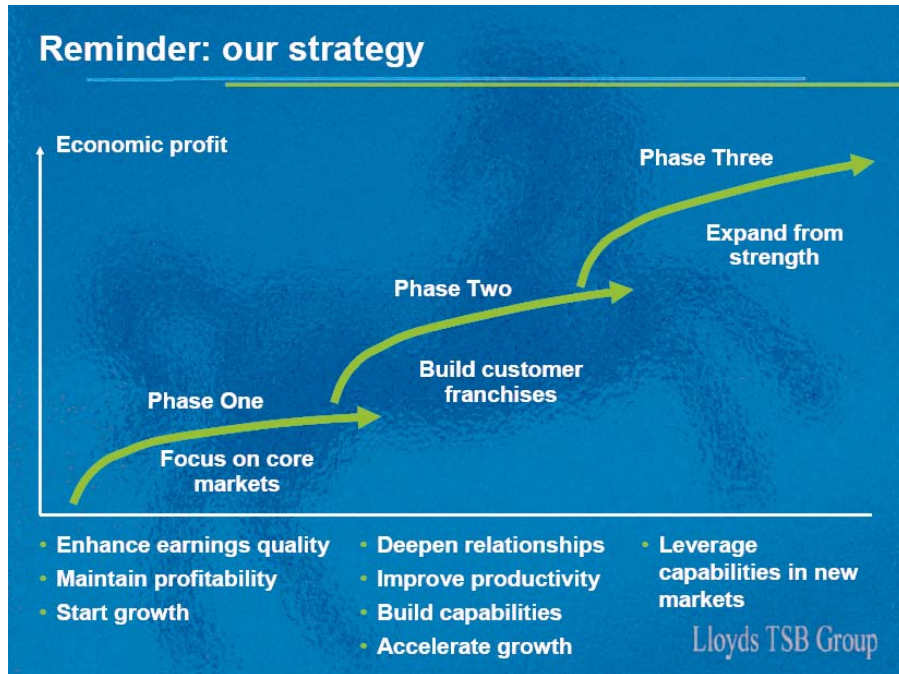
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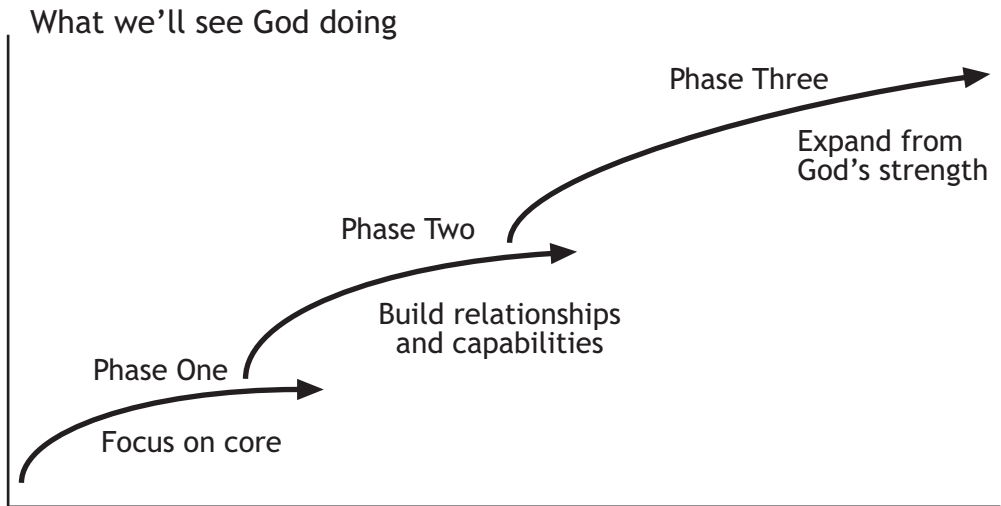
# Notes for Week 7 - What is great service?

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In "Mission to Work" we're looking to see God working at Lloyds TSB



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| <p><b>1. God and us</b><br/>God changes our lives<br/>We put God first<br/>God starts our growth</p> | <p><b>2. Us and others</b><br/>Deepen relationships<br/>Build ability to serve<br/>Our growth accelerates</p> | <p><b>3. God and others</b><br/>Others see God is real<br/>God gets praise and glory<br/>The church grows</p> |
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"Love the Lord your God with all your heart"

- Week 1 - Our God and our goals
- Week 2 - Who are you, and what do you do?
- Week 4 - The fruit of the spirit
- Week 5 - What does God want us to do?

Half of "Mission to Work" is about our core relationship with God. Without this we can't work in God's effective way.

**2** Mark 12:31 - the second commandment:  
"Love your neighbour as yourself"

- Week 3 - What difference do we make?
- Week 6 - Building relationships
- Week 7 - What is great service?

We also look at our relationships with people we work with. The quality of our work and our relationships reveals our character, and if God has changed this, then God becomes visible.

**3** John 7:18 - directing people to God  
"He who seeks the glory of the one who sent him is a man of truth"

Week 8 - Credit where it's due

"Mission to Work" is not primarily about evangelism, but being changed by God and letting people see this within loving relationships will present a natural question: how did this happen? If we're good at crediting our sources, people can know God.



**Warning!** God does what God wants when God wants!

He doesn't fit into our neat plans, but expects us to fit into his, which often surprise us! So we can't predict what God will do, but we can learn to see what he does with us...



## God at work!

Acts 2:19 - "I will show wonders in the heaven above and signs on the earth below"



We're looking for **SIGNS** - things you see God doing during your work day at Lloyds TSB. For example, spiritual fruit or answers to prayer.



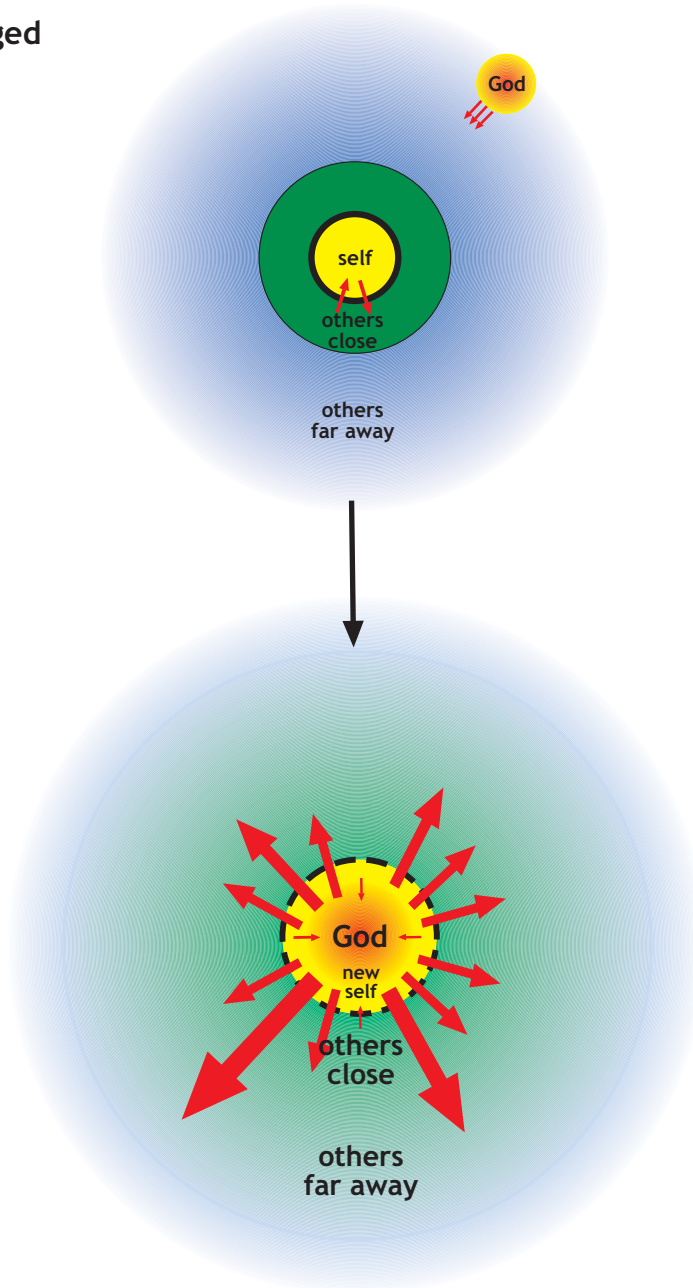
and **WONDERS** - things which give you awe and may prompt more questions than answers. God wants us to ask more and deepen our relationship with him.





# Who do we serve and how?

When God changed us, our priorities changed



My natural priorities were:

1. myself
2. others close by, who affect me or I can affect
3. others further away within my knowledge/interest including abstract ideas or beliefs (e.g. God)

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My new priorities are:

1. God (first commandment) and being led by his word/spirit
2. loving others as much as myself (second commandment)
3. committing to serve others' interests ahead of my own because this is Jesus' character (see Philippians 2:1-11)



## Who do we serve and how?

**God's requirement - choose to serve God above all else, and he will take care of the rest**

*"No one can serve two masters. Either you will hate the one and love the other, or you will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve both God and Money. Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or drink; or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more important than food, and the body more important than clothes?...*

*...But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well. Therefore do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will worry about itself. Each day has enough trouble of its own."* (Matthew 6:24-25 & 33-34, TNIV)

**God's example - serving to meet our needs**

See side panel reading list (when you have some time to spare!)

**God's promise - serving is the way to greatness**

*"A dispute also arose among them as to which of them was considered to be greatest. Jesus said to them, 'The kings of the Gentiles lord it over them; and those who exercise authority over them call themselves Benefactors. But you are not to be like that. Instead, the greatest among you should be like the youngest, and the one who rules like the one who serves. For who is greater, the one who is at the table or the one who serves? Is it not the one who is at the table? But I am among you as one who serves. You are those who have stood by me in my trials. And I confer on you a kingdom, just as my Father conferred one on me, so that you may eat and drink at my table in my kingdom and sit on thrones, judging the twelve tribes of Israel.'" (Luke 22:24-30)*

**God's love - serving people is taken as serving God**

*"Then the King will say to those on his right, 'Come, you who are blessed by my Father; take your inheritance, the kingdom prepared for you since the creation of the world. For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you invited me in, I needed clothes and you clothed me, I was sick and you looked after me, I was in prison and you came to visit me.' Then the righteous will answer him, 'Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you something to drink? When did we see you a stranger and invite you in, or needing clothes and clothe you? When did we see you sick or in prison and go to visit you?' The King will reply, 'Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me.'" (Matthew 25:34-40)*

**God's provision - serving is enabled by God's gifts, so God can be recognised**

*"Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God's grace in its various forms. If you speak, you should do so as one who speaks the very words of God. If you serve, you should do so with the strength God provides, so that in all things God may be praised through Jesus Christ. To him be the glory and the power for ever and ever. Amen." (1 Peter 4:10-11)*

### Some examples of Jesus meeting people's needs

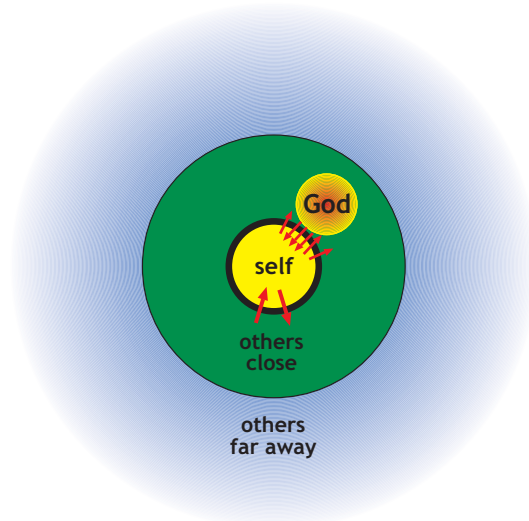
Luke 2:46 - even aged 12, Jesus met teachers' need for closeness to God with the sharing of wisdom  
Luke 2:51 - Jesus then met his parents' needs not to worry with obedience  
Luke 4:31 - Jesus met people's needs to hear clearly from God with authoritative teaching  
Luke 4:33-41 - Jesus met many people's physical needs with healing sickness and casting out demons  
Luke 5:1-11 - Jesus met the needs of disciples to trust with a miraculous provision of the fish they sought  
Luke 5:27-6:10 - Jesus met the needs of Pharisees to be challenged by eating with tax collectors, and gathering grain and healing on the Sabbath  
Luke 7:1-10 - Jesus met the need of a centurion by healing his son, but also used to the opportunity to meet the needs of many others to find faith by praising the centurion for his faith.  
Luke 7:36-50 - Jesus met the need of a sinful woman to show love and find forgiveness by letting her bless him, and at the same time met the need of Pharisee to know God by explaining debt forgiveness  
Luke 8:1-15 - Jesus met the needs of a rural community by explaining God's kingdom in farming terms  
Luke 8:24 - Jesus met the needs of his disciples for safety and freedom from fear by stopping a storm  
Luke 8:49 - Jesus met the need of people to trust in the right leadership by healing a dead girl  
Luke 9:1 - Jesus met the need of disciples to grow and develop by giving them power and responsibility  
Luke 9:16 - Jesus met the need of people to trust in God's provision by thanking heaven for loaves & fish  
Luke 9:41 - Jesus met the need of people to find their own faith by rebuking them before healing a boy  
Luke 9:51 - Jesus met the need for his disciples to know God's will by rebuking their odd suggestion  
Luke 10:1 - Jesus met the need for people to learn by giving more responsibility, even after mistakes  
Luke 10:41 - Jesus met Martha's need to be understood by acknowledging her worry and comforting her  
Luke 11:37-54 - Jesus met the need of comfortable Pharisees to be disturbed by challenging them  
Luke 12:22-34 - Jesus met the need of his challenged disciples to be encouraged by reassuring them  
Luke 14:25 - Jesus met the need of people to control their lives by illustrating the cost of following him  
Luke 15 - Jesus met the need of people to understand God by explaining the kingdom in familiar terms  
Luke 17:23 - Jesus met the need of disciples to know what is coming by warning them against deception  
Luke 18:22 - Jesus met the need of a ruler to change by setting him the hardest personal challenge  
Luke 18:29 - Jesus met the needs of disciples to be reassured with a faithful, encouraging promise  
Luke 20:3 - Jesus met the need of chief priests to be challenged by asking them a pertinent question  
Luke 20:46 - Jesus met the need of disciples for clear leadership with a warning against bad teachers  
Luke 22:24-30 - Jesus met disciples' need for importance by explaining true greatness and service



# Who do we serve and how?

The importance of serving in God's strength, not our own

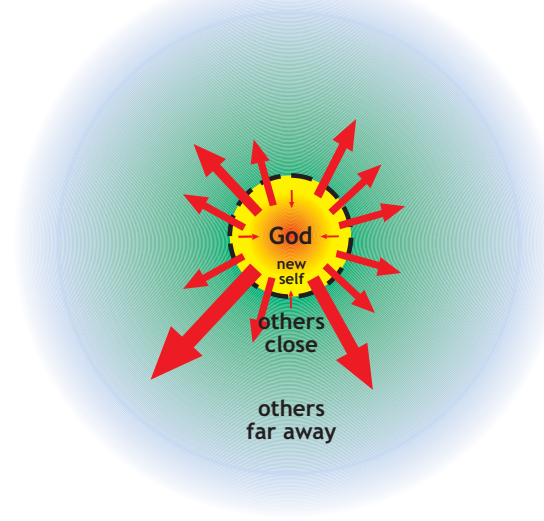
## Self-centred service



- Directed by us - what we think is a good idea
- Based on what we consider to be our skills
- Based on what we think people deserve
- Based on our own words and creativity
- Drawing on our own strength and stamina
- Making ourselves look good
- Accepting praise for ourselves
- Recognised by rewards from other people
- Hard to use to glorify God
- Hard to sustain - we run out of strength

**Leads to a judgemental attitude  
"self-righteousness"  
and poor recognition of God**

## God-centred service



- Directed by God - obedient to God's lead
- Based on the gifts we know we received from God
- Based on God's grace - not deserved
- Based on words received from God
- Drawing on the strength God provides for us
- Making God look good
- Directing praise to God through Jesus
- Recognised by rewards from God
- Naturally glorifying God - we're used by him
- Sustained by God for as long as he provides for us

**Leads to a selfless, loving attitude,  
true righteousness  
and God able to be recognised**

What is our experience of these kinds of service?

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**How can we best serve our colleagues?**

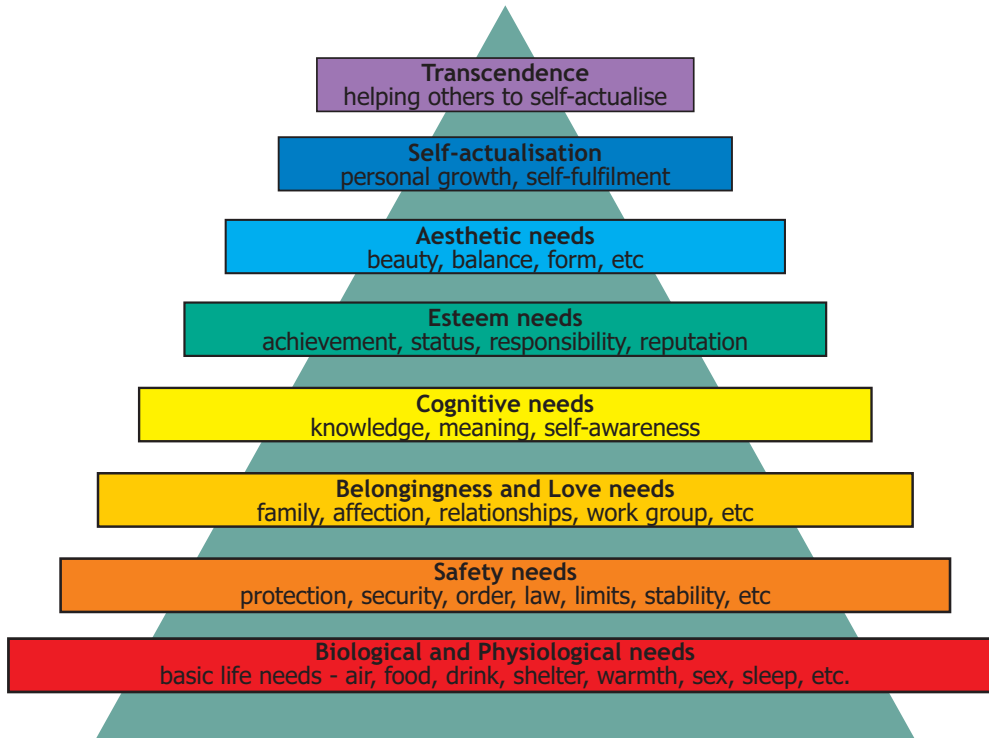


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## Some further reading and tools to help us to serve

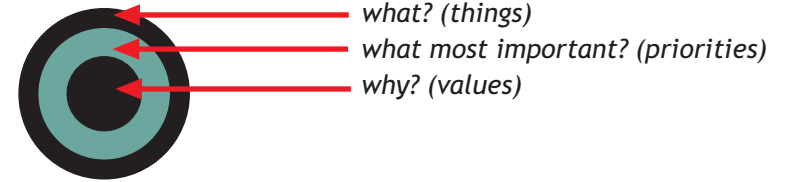
Maslow's "Hierarchy Of Needs" - a classic effective tool to help us spot a person's most pressing point of need (the lowest place in the pyramid where they perceive a gap between what they have and what they want)  
It is theorised that people don't look to fulfill higher needs until more basic needs are met.

From this, we expect serving others to meet the high needs of the self such as "self actualisation" or "transcendence". Maslow's classic theory predicts that people will not want to address these needs, or even perceive their importance, until all their lower personal needs are met.

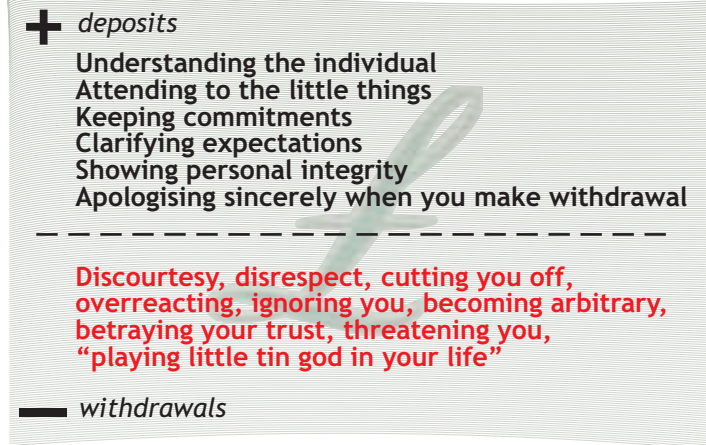


This makes sense if we serve the self first. However, it is observed that selfless service of others is an effective way to bypass the self's priorities and gain satisfaction from meeting higher needs without worrying about lower personal needs. So God's commandments are a good idea for us!

## Getting beneath the surface - 3 levels of questions



From "The 7 Habits of Highly Effective People" by Stephen Covey - The Emotional Bank Account



## "The 7 Habits" are:

(Private victory) "Be proactive", "Begin with the end in mind", & "Put first things first"

(Public victory) "Think win/win", "Seek first to understand, then to be understood", & "Synergize"

(Renewal) "Sharpen the saw"

"Win/win" (mutually beneficial and satisfying) relationships begin with our character and flow towards agreements, and need systems and processes geared to support "win/win"

## "The five love languages" - Gary Chapman

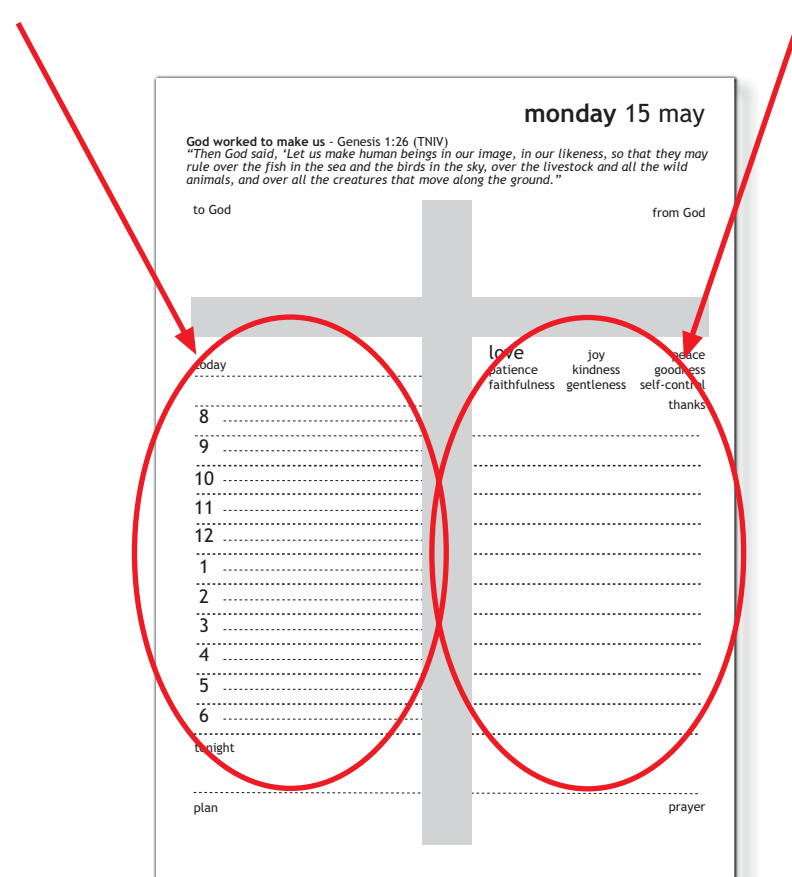
Words of affirmation	Quality time	Receiving gifts
Acts of service	(+ Physical touch)	

# A tool to help spot God at work and build our relationship with him through the day

## Mission to Work “Day Notes”

Commit our time to service...

...and note the fruit that God produces in us



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God worked to make us - Genesis 1:26 (TNIV)  
*"Then God said, 'Let us make human beings in our image, in our likeness, so that they may rule over the fish in the sea and the birds in the sky, over the livestock and all the wild animals, and over all the creatures that move along the ground.'"*

to God

from God

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love joy peace  
patience kindness goodness  
faithfulness gentleness self-control  
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prayer

These Mission to Work “Day Notes” contain scripture themed to complement the “Mission to Work” course at Lloyds TSB.

They are available as a free download from [www.missiontowork.com](http://www.missiontowork.com)

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