

SOME TEACHINGS ON SEWA FROM THE GURU GRANTH SAHIB

Here are some of the key ideas about service from the Sikh holy book – the living Guru, the Guru Granth Sahib. They talk about the importance of *sewa*, or selfless service.

One who performs
selfless service
[*sewa*], without
thought of reward,
shall attain
his Lord and
Master [God].
GGG 286

You shall find
peace, doing *sewa*.
GGG 25

Centre your
awareness on
sewa and focus
your consciousness
on the Word of
the Shabad [the
Name of God].
GGG 110

Perform the Lord's
service [*sewa*],
and repeat God's
Name under the
Guru's guidance.
GGG 176

It is very difficult
to serve the True
Guru. Surrender
your head; give up
your selfishness.
Realising the
Shabad [the Name
of God], one meets
with the Lord, and
all one's service
is accepted.
GGG 27

In the midst of this
world, do *sewa*,
and you shall
be given a place
of honour in the
Court of the Lord.
GGG 26

Without serving
the Guru
[*sewa*], there is
no devotional
worship. How
can anyone [on
their own] know
the Lord?
GGG 1013

Serve the Lord;
do not serve
anyone else.
Serving the Lord,
you shall obtain
the fruits of your
heart's desires;
serving another,
your life shall pass
away in vain.
GGG 490

He who is turned
towards the Guru
finds repose and
joy in *sewa*.
GGG 125

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GGG 176 from translation by Bhai Manmohan Singh