

The importance of sewa

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

<p>One who performs selfless service [<i>sewa</i>], without thought of reward, shall attain his Lord and Master [God].</p> <p>GGS 286</p>	<p>You shall find peace, doing <i>sewa</i> [selfless service].</p> <p>GGS 25</p>	<p>Centre your awareness on <i>sewa</i> [selfless service] and focus your consciousness on the Word of the Shabad [God].</p> <p>GGS 110</p>
<p>Perform the Lord's service [<i>sewa</i>], and repeat God's Name under the Guru's guidance.</p> <p>GGS 176</p>	<p>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.</p> <p>GGS 27</p>	<p>In the midst of this world, do <i>sewa</i> [selfless service], and you shall be given a place of honour in the Court of the Lord.</p> <p>GGS 26</p>
<p>Without serving the Guru [<i>sewa</i>], there is no devotional worship. How can anyone [on their own] know the Lord?</p> <p>GGS 1013</p>	<p>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.</p> <p>GGS 490</p>	<p>He who is turned towards the Guru finds repose and joy in <i>sewa</i>.</p> <p>GGS 125</p>