

## RESOURCE 3.7

# 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*, selfless service.

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

**GGG 286**

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

**GGG 176**

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

**GGG 1013**

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

**GGG 25**

**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**

**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**

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

**GGG 110**

**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**

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

**GGG 125**

All except GGS 125 and 176 are from translation by Dr. Sant Singh Khalsa; GGS 176 from translation by Bhai Manmohan Singh