A Servants and the community.
❖ The first believers took care of those in need both within the church and in the community. Paul used several metaphors that involve the church as a community of servants.
   — A living sacrifice (Romans 12:1): We surrender to God so He can fulfill His will in us. This involves serving others.
   — The body of Christ (1 Corinthians 12:12-20): Christ is the head and we’re part of the body. We serve the world as He did according to our own ability.
   — Ambassadors (2 Corinthians 5:18-20): God has called us to announce reconciliation, both between us and between God and us.

B Servants who intercede.
❖ Moses loved the people of Israel. He argued with God when He wanted to destroy Israel because of their sin with the golden calf. Moses was willing to lose his own salvation to save the people (Exodus 32:32).
❖ Moses loved sinners so much that he interceded for them before God.

C Servants who preach.
❖ Taking care of those is very bound to preaching the gospel. They go together (Matthew 10:7-8).
❖ Both actions come as a response to God’s love. His love moves us to love others and work for their spiritual and physical well-being (1 John 3:17).

D Servants within the church.
❖ The values of justice, grace, and love should govern all that happens within the church. Otherwise, how could we be an example in our community? Could our example shadow our faith?
❖ The church as an organization must be fair and generous with its employees. It must protect the most vulnerable members and help those in need.
❖ Each church member must take care of the other members and help them to the best of their ability (Galatians 6:10; Hebrews 13:16).

E Servants who cooperate.
❖ We must work together as a united body. Each person has a different role according to the gifts the Holy Spirit has given them.
❖ Cooperation is essential to take care of those in need.
❖ Our work may not give fruit immediately, and it may be tiring. The apostle Paul gave us this piece of advice: “And let us not grow weary while doing good, for in due season we shall reap if we do not lose heart.” (Galatians 6:9)