“What is Service?”

People define service in many different ways. Represented below are some examples of service. Study the list carefully. Place a “1” next to the action that most closely models your personal philosophy of service. Place a “2” next to the action that is second closest to your philosophy of service, etc. The example which is farthest from your own philosophy should be ranked “16.”

_____ Providing dinner once a week at a homeless shelter

_____ Joining the armed forces

_____ Talking with a friend

_____ Chaining yourself to an old growth tree to prevent loggers from chopping it down

_____ Leaving your car at home and biking to work every day

_____ Giving $50 to the Red Cross

_____ Choosing professional work that makes a difference

_____ Writing a letter to a congressional leader about campaign finance reform

_____ Developing a micro-lending project for low-income teens to start small businesses

_____ Conducting and disseminating academic research

_____ Giving blood

_____ Tutoring a migrant worker

_____ Adopting an 8 year old

_____ Organizing your peers to work for affordable housing

_____ Participating in a one week meditation retreat

_____ Voting

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