CALLED TO BLESS

LIVE YOUR CALLING: Week 5

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4TH PURPOSE OF MY LIFE: I WAS MADE FOR MINISTRY

"For we are God's workmanship, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do." (Ephesians 2:10, NIV84)

MY 4TH CALLING: SERVE GOD BY SERVING PEOPLE

"God has given each of you some special abilities; be sure to use them to help each other, passing on to others God's many kinds of blessings." (1 Peter 4:10, The Living Bible)

THE BENEFITS OF BLESSING OTHERS

1. CREATES JOY!

"My life is being poured out as a part of the sacrifice and service [I offer to God] for your faith. Yet, I am filled with joy, and I share that joy with all of you." (Philippians 2:17, GW)

"Always be full of joy in the Lord; I say it again, rejoice! Let everyone see that you are unselfish and considerate in all you do..." (Philippians 4:4–5, The Living Bible)

"Forget yourselves long enough to lend a helping hand." (Philippians 2:4b, The Message)

2. IMPROVES MY <u>RELATIONSHIPS</u>.

"Your attitude must be like my own, for I, the Messiah, did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give my life as a ransom for many." (Matthew 20:28, The Living Bible)

"If you serve Christ in this way, you will please God and be respected by people." (Romans 14:18, CEV)

"The one who blesses others is abundantly blessed; those who help others are helped." (Proverbs 11:25, The Message)

"You do yourself a favour when you are kind." (Proverbs 11:17a, GNB)

3. GIVES MY LIFE MEANING.

"Those who want to save their lives will give up true life. But those who give up their lives for me and for the Good News will have true life." (Mark 8:35, NCV) "...Always give yourselves fully to the work of the Lord, because you know that your work in the Lord is never wasted." (1 Corinthians 15:58, NCV)

4. LEAVES A LEGACY.

"Good people will be remembered as a blessing." (Proverbs 10:7a, NCV)

"If you want to be great, you must be the servant of all the others." (Matthew 20:26b, CEV)

"God is fair; he will not forget the work you did and the love you showed for him by helping his people. And he will remember that you are still helping them." (Hebrews 6:10, NCV)

"My Father will honor anyone who serves me." (John 12:26c, NCV)

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