

DISCOVERING MY ROLE

#WINNING: PART 4

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For there is one team and one drive, just as you have been called to one game. There is one COACH, one contract, one jersey, and one GENERAL MANAGER, who is over all and in all and living through all. However, he has given each one of us a special position through the generosity of THE COACH... Now these are the leadership positions the GM assigned to the Team: Captains, Coaches, Scouts, and Trainers. Their responsibility is to equip the players to know their positions and work well together. This will continue until we all come to such unity in our commitment to the Team and knowledge of THE COACH that we will become MVPs! Then we will no longer be little leaguers. We won't be dropping balls, committing errors and striking out. We will not be influenced by the media or irate fans trying to trip up our game. Instead, we will call the right plays, run every base, and make it home; pleasing THE COACH and GENERAL MANAGER of the team. He makes the whole team fit together perfectly. As each player focuses on his position, it helps the whole team play stronger and more strategic resulting in win after win all the way to the world series! (Ephesians 4:4–16, Mossolonian Loose Paraphrase)

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THREE TRANSFORMING TRUTHS

1. Every person has a **PURPOSE**.

“For we are God’s handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do.” (Ephesians 2:10, NIV)

2. Every person has a **PASSION**.

Spiritual Gift (Rom. 12:6-8; 1 Cor. 12:8-10, 28-30; Eph. 4:11, 1 Pet. 4:9-11)

Hear (Deut. 10:12)

Abilities (1 Cor. 12:6)

Personality (Psalm 139:14-16)

Experiences (2 Cor. 1:4)

“God has given each of you a gift from his great variety of spiritual gifts. Use them well to serve one another.” (1 Peter 4:10, NLT)

3. My passion points to a **POSITION**.

“I planted, and Apollos watered, but God made it grow...Apollos and I are working as a team, with the same aim, though each of us will be rewarded for his own hard work. (1 Corinthians 3:6,8 GW/TLB)

WHY EVERY CHRISTIAN NEEDS TO SERVE

1. SERVING IS AN ACT OF WORSHIP.

“And so, dear brothers and sisters, I plead with you to give your bodies to God because of all he has done for you. Let them be a living and holy sacrifice—the kind he will find acceptable. This is truly the way to worship him.” (Romans 12:1, NLT)

2. SERVING BUILDS THE CHURCH.

“The Holy Spirit displays God’s power through each of us as a means of helping the entire church.” (1 Corinthians 12:7, The Living Bible)

3. SERVING UNIFIES THE BODY.

“Then make me truly happy by agreeing wholeheartedly with each other, loving one another, and working together with one mind and purpose.” (Philippians 2:2, NLT)

4. SERVING MAKES ME LIKE JESUS.

“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)

5. SERVING ANCHORS MY FAITH.

“So, my dear brothers and sisters, be strong and immovable. Always work enthusiastically for the Lord, for you know that nothing you do for the Lord is ever useless.” (1 Corinthians 15:58, NLT)

ACTION STEP:
3RD BASE / GET IN THE GAME!