

WHAT'S MY PURPOSE?

You Were Created to Serve God

1. I AM SAVED TO SERVE...

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

Jeremiah 1:5 (NIV) “Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, before you were born I set you apart; I appointed you as a prophet to the nations.”

Psalms 139:13-14 (NIV) “For you created my inmost being; you knit me together in my mother's womb. ¹⁴I praise you because I am fearfully and wonderfully made; your works are wonderful, I know that full well.”

1 Corinthians 12:14 (NIV) “Now the body is not made up of one part but of many.”

1 Corinthians 12:27 (NIV) “Now you are the body of Christ, and each one of you is a part of it.”

Romans 12:5 (NIV) “so in Christ we who are many form one body, and each member belongs to all the others.”

Matthew 13:45-46 (NIV) “Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant seeking fine pearls, ⁴⁶and upon finding one pearl of great value, he went and sold all that he had, and bought it.”

1 Corinthians 6:19 (NIV) “Do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit, who is in you, whom you have received from God? You are not your own;

1 Corinthians 6:20 (NIV) “you were bought at a price. Therefore honor God with your body.”

Matthew 8:14-15 (ESV) “And when Jesus entered Peter's house, he saw his mother-in-law lying sick with a fever. ¹⁵He touched her hand, and the fever left her, and she rose and began to serve him.”

2 Timothy 1:9a (NIV) “who has saved us and called us to a holy life--not because of anything we have done but because of his own purpose and grace...”

Romans 12:1 (NIV) “Therefore, I urge you, brothers, in view of God's mercy, to offer your bodies as living sacrifices, holy and pleasing to God--this is your spiritual act of worship.”

Romans 7:4 (NIV) “So, my brothers, you also died to the law through the body of Christ, that you might belong to another, to him who was raised from the dead, in order that we might bear fruit to God.”

Matthew 20:26-28 (NIV) “Not so with you. Instead, whoever wants to become great among you must be your servant, ²⁷and whoever wants to be first must be your slave-- ²⁸just as the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many.”

2. I AM SAVED TO SERVE SO USE WHAT I HAVE.

Judges 3:31 (NIV) “And after him came Shamgar the son of Anath, who struck down six hundred Philistines with an oxgoad; and he also saved Israel.”

1 Samuel 17:40 (NIV) “Then he took his staff in his hand, chose five smooth stones from the stream, put them in the pouch of his shepherd's bag and, with his sling in his hand, approached the Philistine.”

Judges 15:15 (NIV) “And he found a fresh jawbone of a donkey, so he reached out and took it and killed a thousand men with it.”

1 Kings 17:12 (NIV) “‘As surely as the LORD your God lives,’ she replied, ‘I don't have any bread-- only a handful of flour in a jar and a little oil in a jug. I am gathering a few sticks to take home and make a meal for myself and my son, that we may eat it-- and die.’”

1 Kings 17:13 (NIV) “Elijah said to her, ‘Don't be afraid. Go home and do as you have said. But first make a small cake of bread for me from what you have and bring it to me, and then make something for yourself and your son.’”

1 Kings 17:14-16 (NIV) “For this is what the LORD, the God of Israel, says: ‘The jar of flour will not be used up and the jug of oil will not run dry until the day the LORD gives rain on the land.’ ¹⁵She went away and did as Elijah had told her. So there was food every day for Elijah and for the woman and her family. ¹⁶For the jar of flour was not used up and the jug of oil did not run dry, in keeping with the word of the LORD spoken by Elijah.”

Mark 6:41-44 (NIV) “Taking the five loaves and the two fish and looking up to heaven, he gave thanks and broke the loaves. Then he gave them to his disciples to set before the people. He also divided the two fish among them all. ⁴²They all ate and were satisfied, ⁴³and the disciples picked up twelve basketfuls of broken pieces of bread and fish. ⁴⁴The number of the men who had eaten was five thousand.”

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