



Purpose: Serving God by Serving Others – September 24, 2017  
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*Today we continue our journey to understand the purpose of life. We are praying that as we continue this journey we all commit to a holy pursuit of God and His purposes for us.*

### **Purpose 4: Serving.**

*We were created to serve God by serving others!*

*Ephesians 2:10, For we are God's handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do.*

We were created to make a contribution, not just to consume.

We can really understand our purpose in life as *we serve in our sweet spot*.

Finding your Spiritual Gifts, What Makes your Heart beat, God-given Talents and Abilities, Attitude and Personality, Life Experiences.

*1 Peter 4:10-11, God has given each of you a gift from his great variety of spiritual gifts. Use them well to serve one another. Do you have the gift of speaking? Then speak as though God himself were speaking through you. Do you have the gift of helping others? Do it with all the strength and energy that God supplies. Then everything you do will bring glory to God through Jesus Christ. All glory and power to him forever and ever! Amen.*

Attitude also plays a key role in serving.

*Matthew 20:28, 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.”*

You can actually find who you are by serving.

Matthew 10:39, If you cling to your life, you will lose it; but if you give up your life for me, you will find it.

*Philippians 2:1-4, If you've gotten anything at all out of following Christ, if his love has made any difference in your life, if being in a community of the Spirit means anything to you, if you have a heart, if you care— then do me a favor: Agree with each other, love each other, be deep-spirited friends. Don't push your way to the front; don't sweet-talk your way to the top. Put yourself aside, and help others get ahead. Don't be obsessed with getting your own advantage. Forget yourselves long enough to lend a helping hand.*

### **Serving Like Jesus Means:**

#### 1. Being Available

#### **What Prevents Us From Serving?**

##### Self-Centeredness

*Proverbs 3:28, If you can help your neighbor now, don't say, "Come back tomorrow, and then I'll help you."*

Servant-hearted people allow themselves to be interrupted. They pause and sometimes change the plan in order to serve someone.

##### Perfectionism

Ecclesiastes 11:4, Farmers who wait for perfect weather never plant. If they watch every cloud, they never harvest.

God doesn't rely on perfect people to do His work, He works through imperfect people that rely on Him to do a perfect work in someone's life.

## Materialism

*Luke 16:13, No one can serve two masters. Either you will hate the one and love the other, or you will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve both God and money.*

Sometimes we pursue the American dream to the point where we only take care of things and we have no availability to take care of people.

## 2. Being Faithful

*1 Corinthians 4:2, The one thing required of servants is that they be faithful.*

### **What Does Faithful Service Look Like?**

Cheerful Spirit - Psalm 100:2-4,

Complementary Spirit - Romans 14:4

Selfless Motivations - Matthew 6:1

### **Conclusion:**

*Hebrews 6:10, God is not unjust; he will not forget your work and the love you have shown him as you have helped his people and continue to help them.*

Today is a great day to find your purpose by taking a new look at how you are serving God through serving others.