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WHAT ARE YOU GOING TO DO WITH THE REST OF YOUR LIFE?

WE NEED A SPIRITUAL FAMILY

I. God's Purposes For Us

❖ **Purpose #1 - God wants me to love Him back. Worship- "Worship is a lifestyle."**

*"...You must **love the Lord your God** with all your heart, all your soul, and all your mind.' This is the first and greatest commandment." Matthew 22:37-38 (NLT)*

❖ **Purpose #2 - We need a Spiritual Family. Membership- "You can't do life alone."**

*"God decided in advance to **adopt us** into **His own family** by bringing us to Himself through Jesus Christ. This is what He wanted to do, and it gave Him great pleasure." Ephesians 1:5 (NLT)*

*"Respect everyone, and **love the family of believers**." 1 Peter 2:17a (NLT)*

II. How Do I Join and Grow in a Spiritual Family?

1) Choose to belong.

❖ Join the "Big Church": Commit to Jesus and follow Him.

❖ Join a "Local Church": Do life together.

*"Now you are no longer strangers to God and foreigners to heaven, but **you are members of God's very own family**, citizens of God's country, and **you belong in God's household** with every other Christian." Ephesians 2:19 (TLB)*

2) Learn to Share

*"And all the believers met together in one place and **shared everything** they had." Acts 2:44 (NLT)*

*"And **let us not neglect our meeting together**, as some people do, but encourage one another..." Hebrews 10:25a (NLT)*

3) Do my part in the family.

*"For we are **labourers together** with God..." 1 Corinthians 3:9a (KJV)*

*"...As **each part does its own special work**, it helps the other parts grow, so that the whole body is healthy and growing and full of love." Ephesians 4:16b (NLT)*

[Jesus] "...I tell you, whenever you did this for one of the least important of these followers of Mine, you did it for Me!" Matthew 25:40 (GNT)

4) Practice Loving hard to love people.

*"Be devoted to each other **like a loving family**. Excel in showing respect for each other." Romans 12:10 (GW)*

*[Jesus] "**Your love for one another** will prove to the world that you are My disciples." John 13:35 (NLT)*

*"For you are all children of God **through faith** in Christ Jesus." Galatians 3:26 (NLT)*