

Born to Serve

1. What is God's ultimate purpose for you?

“For He knew all about us before we were born and He destined us from the beginning to share the likeness of His Son. This means the Son is the oldest among a vast family of brothers and sisters who will become just like Him.”

Romans 8:29 TPT

“And you did not receive the “spirit of religious duty,” leading you back into the fear of never being good enough. But you have received the “Spirit of full acceptance,” enfolding you into the family of God. And you will never feel orphaned, for as He rises up within us, our spirits join Him in saying the words of tender affection, “Beloved Father!”

For the Holy Spirit makes God's fatherhood real to us as He whispers into our innermost being, "You are God's beloved child!"
Romans 8:15-16 TPT

- God is the Father of every born-again, Spirit-filled believer.**
- Every born-again, Spirit-filled believer is a son, or daughter, of God the Father.**
- All of us are destined by God to become like His Son, our Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ.**

Ultimate Purpose: Father/Child Relationship

2. What Now?

"For we are His workmanship [His own master work, a work of art], created in Christ Jesus [reborn from above—spiritually transformed, renewed, ready to be used]

for good works, which God prepared [for us] beforehand [taking paths which He set], so that we would walk in them [living the good life which He prearranged and made ready for us].”

Ephesians 2:10 AMP

“And [His gifts to the church were varied and] He Himself appointed some as apostles [special messengers, representatives], some as prophets [who speak a new message from God to the people], some as evangelists [who spread the good news of salvation], and some as pastors and teachers [to shepherd and guide and instruct], [and He did this] to fully equip and perfect the saints (God’s people) for works of service, to build up the body of Christ [the church];”

Ephesians 4:11-12 AMP

Serving is built into us from birth.

**Working in the Family Business is in our
SPIRITUAL DNA**

**The DNA inside your born-again spirit is speaking to you about serving with excellence for the glory of God
-BUT-**

The environment around you has conspired to stop you from going to work.

The Environment:

-The devil wants you to serve him by serving yourself.

-The world despises service and doesn't believe that anyone can serve with godly motives.

-The flesh wants to be served.

3. What did Jesus think about serving?

“When the ten other disciples heard what James and John had asked, they were indignant.”

“Jesus, knowing their thoughts, called them to His side and said,

“Kings and those with great authority in this world rule oppressively over their subjects, like tyrants. But this is not your calling. You will lead by a completely different model. The greatest one among you will live as the one who is called to serve others, because the greatest honor and authority is reserved for the one with the heart of a servant. For even the Son of Man did not come expecting to be served but to serve and give His life in exchange for the salvation of many.””

Matthew 20:24-28 TPT

- Serving is a family characteristic.**
- The Father has good works of service planned in advance for each one of His children.**
- God’s highest honors and greatest authority is reserved exclusively for those who obey His call to serve.**