

# Created To Serve

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## You Were Created to Serve

**John 13:1-17**



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1. Genesis 2:15 The the Lord God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to tend and keep it.
2. Genesis 2:19 Out of the ground the Lord God formed every beast of the field and every bird of the air, and brought them to Adam to see what he would call them.
  - a. Even before Sin (in a perfect world/environment) - **Mankind was Created to Serve**
  - b. Adam was not placed in Eden to sit in the garden and be entertained by God!
3. Ephesians 2:10 For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand that we should walk in them.
  - a. The greek work for works "Ergois" is the plural form of ergon

and refers to actions, deeds or tasks that a Christian does as a result of their relationship with Christ.

## **Consumerism Society**

1. Western society has been driven over the last 40, 50, 60 years by consumerism.
2. We are programmed to “Work all we Can and Can all we Get.”
3. And, somehow if we work hard enough and long enough and make enough money we will retire happy and live the rest of our lives with no cares.
  - a. We will be able to “travel the world...”
  - b. Or, “sit on the beach and drink Diet Coke and eat Bon Bons...”
4. This Consumerism Mentality has come at a Price:
  - a. Family
  - b. Health
  - c. Marriage
  - d. And yes, Our Relationship with God
5. The Consumerism Mentality has crept into the Church
  - a. We want to be entertained
  - b. We think church is about us
  - c. We think Worship is about us
  - d. And, we EXPECT others to WAIT upon us
  - e. So, we began to hire Pastors, Youth Pastors, Worship Pastors, Children’s Pastors, Family Pastors, Young Adult Pastors - You name it - We have a Pastoral Position for it today
6. As a Result we have churches full of “Unemployed Members” or “Retired Members”.
  - a. Unemployed - Not serving anywhere in the church
  - b. Retired - No longer serving in the church
7. This is CONTRARY to the Word of God
8. God never created you for Fun or to be Entertained
  - a. Fun is a Bi-Product of Faithful Serving
  - b. You will find Fulfillment when you SERVE
  - c. You will enjoy the entertainment AFTER you have served
  - d. YOU WERE CREATED TO SERVE - NOTHING WILL SATISFY UNTIL YOU FIND A PLACE TO SERVE!
9. Show me someone who isn’t serving and I will show you

someone who is:

- a. Unhappy
- b. Grumpy
- c. Unsatisfied with Life
- d. Unfulfilled
- e. Griping
- f. Complaining
- g. Did I mention GRUMPY

- 10. This is not just a “church principle” - It applies to other areas of life...
  - a. Watch the One complaining at the Little League Games - Not serving
  - b. Complainers at work - Not serving in other areas (Habitat for Humanity, Local Food Banks, etc)
- 11. That’s because YOU WERE CREATED TO SERVE!

## **Jesus Teaches the Disciples to Serve**

- 1. Setting **John 13:1-17**
  - a. After the Passover Supper
  - b. The devil having already put it into the heart of Judas Iscariot to betray Jesus
  - c. Jesus, knowing that His hour had come - IT WAS TIME - The Fulfillment of Prophecy - the Ultimate Sacrifice was about to take place, rose from the Supper, girded Himself and took a basin and a towel and began to wash the Disciples feet
- 2. Washing of the Feet was common practice in this time period
  - a. When a guest entered a person’s house, they removed their sandals and a servant washed their feet.
  - b. This was a lowly job due to the dirt, grime and who knows what else was on the feet of the traveler
- 3. When Jesus got to Peter, Peter said, “Lord are you washing my feet?” and then said, “You shall never wash my feet”
- 4. One of the Final Lessons Jesus would teach the Disciples was a LESSON on SERVING!
- 5. THE KINGDOM OF GOD IS NOT THE SAME AS THE KINGDOMS OF THIS WORLD
  - a. Matthew 20:16 So the last will be first, and the first last. For

many are called, but few chosen

b. James 4:10 Humble yourself in the Sight of the Lord, and He will lift you up.

c. Proverbs 16:18, Pride goes before destruction...

d. Matthew 6:33 But see first the Kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things shall be added to you.

## **Strategic Towel - GO LOW**

1. Jesus knew Satan was coming at Him
2. He didn't RAISE UP - He WENT LOW
3. He Grabbed a TOWEL and began to SERVE
4. When You SERVE You PULL Down STRONGHOLDS!
5. Something happens when God sees a man or woman SERVING
6. HUMILITY catches the attention of GOD!
7. SERVING catches the attention of God
8. GRAB A TOWEL
  - a. Satan coming at your finances - Grab a Towel
  - b. Satan coming at your Family - Grab a Towel
  - c. Satan coming at your Marriage - Grab a Towel
  - d. Satan coming against your Health - Grab a Towel
  - e. No Peace - Grab a Towel
  - f. No Fun, No Fulfillment - Grab a Towel
9. GO LOW - FIND A PLACE TO SERVE!