



A Journey with Purpose

Finding God's Plan For Your Life



You were Created for a Purpose

- Your purpose is **SERVING OTHERS**
- Serving others is called **MINISTRY**
- Ministry is your **4th PURPOSE**



Matthew 25:40 (Message)

- 40) Then the King will say, 'I'm telling the solemn truth: Whenever you did one of these things to someone overlooked or ignored, that was me - **you did it to me.**'



Serving Others

- You aren't saved **BY** your service to others
- You are saved **SO THAT YOU CAN PROVIDE** service to others



Becoming a Servant

- You have **TALENTS** and **ABILITIES** that God wants you to use in service to others



Matthew 20:28 (Amplified)

- 28) Just as the Son of Man came not to be waited on but to **serve**, and to **give** his life as a ransom for many.



Becoming a Servant

- You have **TALENTS** and **ABILITIES** that God wants you to use in service to others
- Service is **NOT OPTIONAL**
- **STUDY** without **SERVICE** leads to **STAGNATION**



Form Follows Function

- Before God formed you, He decided what **ROLE** He wanted you to play
- You are the way you are because God designed you for a **SPECIFIC PURPOSE**
- A **SPECIFIC MINISTRY!**



Psalms 139:16 (Message)

- 16) Like an open book, you watched me grow from conception to birth; all the stages of my life were spread out before you, **The days of my life all prepared before I'd even lived one day.**



Factors that Make Up a Person

1. Your GIFTS



Ephesians 4:7 (Message)

- 7) But that doesn't mean you should all look and speak and act the same. Out of the generosity of Christ, **each of us is given his own gift.**



Factors that Make Up a Person

1. Your GIFTS
2. Your HEART



Proverbs 27:19 (NIV)

- 19) As water reflects a face, so **a man's heart reflects the man.**



Factors that Make Up a Person

1. Your GIFTS
2. Your HEART
3. Your ABILITIES



1st Corinthians 12:6 (TEV)

- 6) There are different abilities to perform service, but the same **God gives ability to all** for their particular service.



Factors that Make Up a Person

1. Your GIFTS
2. Your HEART
3. Your ABILITIES
4. Your PERSONALITY



1st Corinthians 12:5 (Phillips)

- 5) **God works through different people** in different ways, but it is the same God who achieves His purpose through them all.



Factors that Make Up a Person

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2. Your HEART
3. Your ABILITIES
4. Your PERSONALITY
5. Your EXPERIENCES



2nd Corinthians 1:4 (Message)

- 4) He comes alongside us when we go through hard times, and before you know it, he brings us alongside someone else who is going through hard times **so that we can be there for that person** just as God was there for us.



Finding Your Ministry

- Assess your **GIFTS** and **ABILITIES**
- Consider your **HEART** and your **PERSONALITY**
- Examine your past **EXPERIENCES**



Galatians 6:4 (Message)

- 4) Make a careful exploration of who you are and the work you have been given, and then **sink yourself into that**. Don't be impressed with yourself. **Don't compare yourself with others.**



Mark 10:42-45 (Message)

- 42) Jesus got them together to settle things down. “You’ve observed how godless rulers throw their weight around,” he said, “and when people get a little power how quickly it goes to their heads.
- 43) It’s not going to be that way with you. **Whoever wants to be great must become a servant.**
- 44) Whoever wants to be first among you must be your slave.
- 45) That is what the Son of Man has done: He came to serve, not to be served...”



The Heart of a Servant

1. Make yourself **AVAILABLE** to serve



2nd Timothy 2:4 (NIV)

- 4) No one serving as a soldier gets involved in civilian affairs - he wants to please his commanding officer.**



The Heart of a Servant

1. Make yourself **AVAILABLE** to serve
2. Pay **ATTENTION** to the needs of others
3. Do your **BEST** with what's available
4. Use **EQUAL** dedication on each task



Galatians 6:2-3 (NLT)

- 2) Share each other's troubles and problems, and in this way obey the law of Christ.
- 3) **If you think you are too important to help someone in need, you are only fooling yourself. You are really a nobody.**



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5. Be **FAITHFUL** to your ministry
6. Maintain a **LOW** profile



Matthew 6:1 (CEV)

- 1) When you do good deeds, **don't try to show off.** If you do, you won't get a reward from your Father in heaven.



Attitude of a Real Servant

1. Think more about **OTHERS** than yourself



Philippians 2:4 (Message)

- 4) Don't be obsessed with getting your own advantage. **Forget yourselves long enough to lend a helping hand.**



Attitude of a Real Servant

1. Think more about **OTHERS** than yourself
2. Think like **STEWARDS** not owners



Luke 16:13 (NIV)

- 13) “No servant can serve two masters. Either he will hate the one and love the other, or he will be devoted to the one and despise the other. **You cannot serve both God and Money.**”



Attitude of a Real Servant

1. Think more about **OTHERS** than yourself
2. Think like **STEWARDS** not owners
3. Think about **YOUR** work not other's work



Galatians 5:25-26 (NIV)

- 25) Since this is the kind of life we have chosen, the life of the Spirit, let us make sure that we do not just hold it as an idea in our heads or a sentiment in our hearts, but work out its implications in every detail of our lives.
- 26) **That means we will not compare ourselves with each other as if one of us were better and another worse.** We have far more interesting things to do with our lives. Each of us is an original.



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4. Think of your **IDENTITY** being in Christ



John 13:3-5 (NIV)

- 3) Jesus knew that the Father had put all things under his power, and that he had come from God and was returning to God;
- 4) so he got up from the meal, took off his outer clothing, and wrapped a towel around his waist.
- 5) After that, he poured water into a basin and began to wash his disciples' feet, drying them with the towel that was wrapped around him.



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5. Think of ministry as an **OPPORTUNITY** not an obligation



Weak People

- God **LOVES** to use **WEAK PEOPLE**



1st Corinthians 1:27 (NIV)

27) God chose the **weak things** of the world to shame the strong...



2nd Corinthians 12:9 (NIV)

- 9) But he said to me, “My grace is sufficient for you,
for **my power is made perfect in weakness.**”



Weak People

- God **LOVES** to use **WEAK PEOPLE**
- Your weaknesses are not an **ACCIDENT**
- A weakness **ISN'T** a character **DEFECT** that you can change
- A weakness is a **LIMITATION** that you do not have the power to change
- God is **NOT LIMITED** by your limitations



God Works with your Weaknesses

1. **ADMIT** your weaknesses
2. Be **CONTENT** with your weaknesses



2nd Corinthians 12:9-10 (NLT)

- 9) ... So now I am glad to boast about my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ may work through me.
- 10) Since I know it is all for Christ's good, **I am quite content with my weaknesses** and with insults, hardships, persecutions, and calamities. For when I am weak, then I am strong.



God Works with your Weaknesses

1. **ADMIT** your weaknesses
2. Be **CONTENT** with your weaknesses
3. Honestly **SHARE** your weaknesses
4. **GLORY** in your weaknesses



1st Corinthians 12:5 (NLT)

- 5)** ... I am going to boast only about my weaknesses...



Your Journey was Meant to be Shared

MINISTRY

**is one of God's
Purposes for You**