

Purpose Driven Life 5

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Purpose 1: Worship – You were created to be loved by God and to love Him back.

Purpose 2: Fellowship – You were formed for God's family.

Purpose 3: Discipleship – You were created to become like Christ.

Purpose 4: Ministry – You were SHAPED to SERVE GOD.

- Before you were ever born, God prepared in advance the ministry or service He shaped you to perform.
- The fourth purpose of our lives is that we are SHAPED to SERVE GOD.

Ephesians 2:10 - For we are God's workmanship or [masterpiece], created in Christ Jesus **to do good works**, which God prepared **in advance** for us to do, when he planned that we should spend these lives in helping others. **NIV/LB**

- You were put on earth to make a contribution.
- You are an asset, not a liability.
- No matter what you may have experienced, how you have failed or been failed, God has uniquely designed you to fulfill a specific service for Him.
- We don't SERVE to "pay God back," but we SERVE because we have designed by God for this purpose.

Understanding Your Grace Deposit

1 Peter 4:10 - Each one should use whatever gift he has received **to serve others**, faithfully **administering God's grace** in its various forms. **NIV**

When we **serve**, we are **administering God's grace**.

Ephesians 4:7 – Grace has been given to us according to the measure of Christ's gift. **NKJ**

A portion of the same **grace** that was upon Jesus.

Romans 12:5-6 - ⁵ So we, being many, are one body in Christ, and every one members one of another. ⁶ Having then gifts differing according to the grace that is given to us, **KJV**

Our grace deposits and gifts vary and are different by design.

Ephesians 4:12 - to prepare God's people for works of service, so that the body of Christ may be built up. **NIV**

My fourth purpose in life is to **SERVE GOD** by **SERVING OTHERS**.

Matthew 20:28 – Your attitude must be like my own, for I did not come to be served, but to serve. **LB**

Service vs Serve Us Mentality and Contributor vs. Consumer Mentality

- What does this church offer vs. what do I offer this church
- Who is going to meet my needs vs. whose needs can I meet
- Teenager vs. married couple with 3 children

Ephesians 4:16 - From him the whole body, joined and held together by every **supporting ligament**, grows and builds itself up in love, as **each part does its work**. **NIV**

Whatever you are good at, you should be doing **for God** and for **others!**

Romans 7:4 – Now you **belong to Him** in order that we might be useful in the service of God. **TEV**

Service has eternal implications. You will give an account to God.

Romans 14:12 - So then, each of us will give an account of himself to God. **NIV**

II Corinthians 5:10 - For all of us must appear before Christ, to be judged by him. Each one will receive what he deserves, according to everything he has done, good or bad, in his bodily life. **TEV**

Don't waste your pain!

- Your deficits don't disqualify you, but rather qualify you for service toward God and others.
- God doesn't bring you pain, but he provides **His power** in the midst of our weaknesses and pain.

II Corinthians 12:9-10 – ⁹ But he said to me, "My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness." Therefore I will boast all the more gladly about my weaknesses, so that Christ's power may rest on me. ¹⁰ That is why, for Christ's sake, I delight in weaknesses, in insults, in hardships, in persecutions, in difficulties. For **when I am weak, then I am strong.** *NIV*

II Corinthians 1:3-4 – ³ All praise to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. He is the source of every mercy and the God who comforts us. ⁴ He comforts us in all our troubles so that we can comfort others. When others are troubled, we will be able to give them the same comfort God has given us. *NLT*