

SERMON NOTES



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“God made me to serve His purpose.”

Why God Made Me:

1. To love me
 - The cure for feeling unloved.
2. To have a family
 - The cure for feeling unwanted.
3. Because He wanted me to grow up in His family.
 - The cure for feeling unfulfilled.
4. To serve His purpose.
 - The cure for living a life that is significant.

Ephesians 2:10 (TLB)

¹⁰ It is God himself who has made us what we are and given us new lives from Christ Jesus; and long ages ago he planned that we should spend these lives in helping others.

- The key to leadership, promotion and knowing your purpose is through serving.

“The way to greatness comes through serving.”

Serving Brings:

1. Promotion
2. Favor
3. Greatness
4. Influence
5. Leadership

Characteristics of Serving:

1. We are created to serve God's purpose.
 2. We are called to serve God and His purpose.
 3. We are commanded to serve God.
 4. We are gifted to serve God.
 5. We are rewarded for our service.
- Our serving now is practice for serving in heaven.
 - Our serving determines our rewards in heaven.
 - Our serving determines our role in eternity.
 - Serving God out of gratefulness leads to greatness in your life.
 - Serving God leads to influence, leadership and promotion.
 - Serve God with the right motive.
 - God is looking for us to serve out of gratefulness, not to serve out of duty, position or obligation.
 - God is looking for availability.

How Do I Serve a God that I Can't See?

- Serve God by serving others.
- Invest your life by serving!

2 Timothy 1:9 (KJV)

⁹ Who hath saved us, and called us with a holy calling, not according to our works, but according to his own purpose and grace, which was given us in Christ Jesus before the world began.

- God saved us and called us to develop and distribute that calling.
- Our calling is to serve God's purpose. Through God's purpose, He gives grace.
- Knowing your purpose and destiny gives you drive, passion and determination!

Mark 10:42 - 44 (MSG)

⁴¹⁻⁴⁵ When the other ten heard of this conversation, they lost their tempers with James and John. 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. It's not going to be that way with you. Whoever wants to be great must become a servant. Whoever wants to be first among you must be your slave. That is what the Son of Man has done: He came to serve, not to be served—and then to give away his life in exchange for many who are held hostage."

- To be great you must become a servant.

Matthew 20:26 – 28 (TLB)

²⁶ But among you it is quite different. Anyone wanting to be a leader among you must be your servant.
²⁷ And if you want to be right at the top, you must serve like a slave. ²⁸ Your attitude^[a] must be like my own, for I, the Messiah,* did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give my life as a ransom for many.

- Have an attitude of a servant.

Romans 7:4 (CEV)

⁴ That is how it is with you, my friends. You are now part of the body of Christ and are dead to the power of the Law. You are free to belong to Christ, who was raised to life so that we could serve God.

- We are created to be useful in the service of God.

Colossians 3:23 – 24 (KJV)

²³ And whatsoever ye do, do it heartily, as to the Lord, and not unto men;
²⁴ Knowing that of the Lord ye shall receive the reward of the inheritance: for ye serve the Lord Christ.

- Give God your Best and serve God with Enthusiasm!
- Receive a reward by serving God and other people.

Galatians 6:10 (AMP)

¹⁰ So then, while we [as individual believers] have the opportunity, let us do good to all people [not only being helpful, but also doing that which promotes their spiritual well-being], and especially [be a blessing] to those of the household of faith (born-again believers).

- Look for opportunities to serve.

Discussion Questions:

1. What does serving God bring into your life?
2. What are the characteristics of serving?

Resources:

If you would like to look at “**Why God Made Me**” sermon series in more depth, Church On The Rock bookstore has excellent resources available.

