

You Are Called To Bless
Live Your Calling: What On Earth Am I Here For? – Part 5
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- It's so easy to get distracted from what we've been called to do
- Why did Jesus come to earth?
- If he came to teach morals - then we will think his life was about ethics.
- If he came to fix the environment - then his life was about trees and plants.
- If he came to model manners and nice living - then we will place our bibles beside the December issue of Martha Stewart Living!
- A wrong understanding of why Jesus came will take us in all sorts of wrong directions!
- It is crucial we know why God came to earth.

Luke 19:10 (NIV) For the Son of Man came to seek and to save the lost."

Matt. 20:28 (NIV) just as the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve

- You're called to be loved
- You're called to belong
- You're called to become
- You're Called to bless
- You bless other people when you serve them
- When you serve others it's a way to reach out to others

The fourth purpose of my life is God shaped me to SERVE him.

Eph. 2:10 (NIV) For we are God's handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do.

1 Peter 4:7-11 (MSG) Everything in the world is about to be wrapped up, so take nothing for granted. Stay wide-awake in prayer. Most of all, love each other as if your life depended on it. Love makes up for practically anything. Be quick to give a meal to the hungry, a bed to the homeless—cheerfully. Be generous with the different things God gave you, passing them around so all get in on it: if words, let it be God's words; if help, let it be God's hearty help. That way, God's bright presence will be evident in everything through Jesus, and he'll get all the credit as the One mighty in everything—encores to the end of time .Oh, yes!

What Happens When I Serve Others:

1st) Serving others unselfishly will create JOY in my life.

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- Grace received is Grace given

Eph. 2:8a (NIV) For it is by grace you have been saved

- Understanding what God has done in my life makes me want to share that with others

- I share God's grace by serving others
- Serving others creates joy in my life
- Most people are looking for happiness in all the wrong places.
- You don't find happiness in pleasure, power, possessions, position or prestige

2 Thoughts on Joy:

A) Joy flows when my **FOCUS** is off of me.

- The word "miser" and "miserable" come from the same root word
- The more joy flows into your life

Phil. 2:17 (GW) "My life is being poured out as a part of the sacrifice and service I offer to God for your faith. Yet, I am filled with joy, and I share that joy with all of you."

- His joy came from serving others

My life calling is to be a bi-vocational **MINISTER** of Jesus.

- I have a job but in that job I do it to help others and to honor God

Col. 3:17 (NIV) "Whatever you do, whether in word or deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him."

B) Joy flows when I use my **GIFTS** to help others.

Phil. 4:4-5 (LB) Always be full of joy in the Lord; I say it again, rejoice! Let everyone see that you are unselfish and considerate in all you do. Remember that the Lord is coming soon.

Menial tasks become **MEANINGFUL** tasks when I do it out of love for God.

- It is a fact of life that the most helpful people are the most happy people in life

2nd) Serving others will **IMPROVE** my relationships.

1 Peter 4:8 (MSG) Be generous with the different things God gave you, passing them around so all get in on it:

1 Peter 4:10 (NIV) Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God's grace in its various forms.

- I'm saved to serve
- When I serve, everyone benefits
- Your relationships will get better the more you learn how to serve
- The root of every single relational problem in your life is self-centeredness

Proverbs 13:10 (NKJV) By pride comes nothing but strife, But with the well-advised is wisdom.

Matthew 20:28 (MSG) That is what the Son of Man has done: He came to serve, not be served—and then to give away his life in exchange for the many who are held hostage.”

Romans 14:18 (CEV) “If you serve Christ in this way, you will please God and be respected by people.”

Proverbs 11:25 (NSG) “The one who blesses others is abundantly blessed; those who help others are helped.”

3rd) Serving others unselfishly will give my life MEANING.

- The only way you find meaning in life is to give your life away
- Meaning comes from ministry

Mark 8:35 (NLT) “If you try to keep your life for yourself, you will lose it. But if you give up your life for my sake and for the sake of the Good News, you will find true life!”

1 Peter 4:9-10 (MSG) Be quick to give a meal to the hungry, a bed to the homeless—cheerfully. Be generous with the different things God gave you, passing them around so all get in on it: if words, let it be God’s words; if help, let it be God’s hearty help. That way, God’s bright presence will be evident in everything through Jesus, and he’ll get all the credit as the One mighty in everything

1 Cor. 15:58 (NCV) “Always give yourselves fully to the work of the Lord, because you know that your work in the Lord is never wasted.”

4th) It will leave a LEGACY.

1 Peter 4:11 (MSG) encores to the end of time. Oh, yes!

- One on earth and one in eternity

Proverbs 10:7 (NCV) “Good people will be remembered as a blessing.”

- What are you going to be remembered for?

Matt. 20:26 (CEV) “If you want to be great, you must be the servant of all the others.”

Heb. 6:10 (NCV) “God is fair; he will not forget the work you did and the love you showed for him by helping his people. And he will remember that you are still helping them.”

John 12:26 (NCV) “My Father will honor anyone who serves me.”

- You can spend your life
- You can waste your life
- You can invest your life