

Series: What On Earth Am I Here For?

Message: Called To Bless

For we are God’s masterpiece. He has created us anew in Christ Jesus, so we can do the good things He planned for us long ago. (Ephesians 2:10, NLT)

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

- We were made to _____, not just to _____.

You and I were created to

- ✓ Be loved by God
- ✓ Love God back - worship
- ✓ Love God’s Family - fellowship
- ✓ Become like Jesus – discipleship

- ✓ Bless others – _____, serving God by serving others

Factors that will help me live into my purpose of Serving God:

1. I need to work _____ into my life.

Cf. Matthew 20:29-34

- ☐ If I want to serve God, I must be _____.

- ☐ And if God “interrupts” me, I then need to become _____.

2. I’m wise to prepare in advance to serve in ways that fit my _____.

- ☐ Look at the S.H.A.P.E. God has been giving you to this point:
 - S – Spiritual gifts
 - H - Heart
 - A - Abilities
 - P - Personality
 - E - Experiences

3. As I serve, I need the right _____:

- ✓ **Humility**
Cf. Philippians 2:4-7

Some common barriers to humility:

- Selfish perspectives & priorities
- Self-centered _____

- ✓ **Excellence**
Cf. 1 Peter 4:10-11; Romans 12:8

- ✓ **Gratitude**
Cf. 1 Timothy 1:12

And when we serve like Jesus:

- 1) God is honored,
- 2) Others are blessed, and
- 3) Our own lives fill with purpose/meaning/significance! We get –

⇒ More _____!

⇒ Better _____!

⇒ Being _____!
Cf. Proverbs 11:25; 22:9a

⇒ Greater _____!
Cf. Mark 8:35

⇒ _____!
Cf. 1 Corinthians 15:58; Matthew 25:34-40

Key: contribute, consume; ministry; availability; interruptible, intentional; aptitude; attitudes; perfectionism; joy, relationships; blessed back; meaning; eternal rewards