

MADE FOR GOD'S MINISTRY

"Yet it shall not be so among you; whoever desires to become great among you, let him be your servant."

Matthew 20:26 (NKJV)

❖ I Am Called to SERVE Others:

For we are God's workmanship (masterpiece), created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do.

Ephesians 2:10 (NIV)

1. These good works are called our SERVICE.

There are different kinds of service in the church, but it is the same Lord we are serving.

⁶There are different ways God works in our lives, but it is the same God who does the work through all of us.

1 Corinthians 12:5-6 (NLT)

2. These good works are also called our MINISTRY.

And so, since God in his mercy has given us this wonderful ministry, we never give up.

2 Corinthians 4:1 (NLT)

3. These good works are our way of BLESSING.

For I long to visit you so I can share a spiritual blessing with you that will help you grow strong in the Lord.

Romans 1:11 (NLT)

❖ God SHAPED Me to SERVE:

But God in his grace chose me even before I was born, and called me to serve him.

Galatians 1:15 (TEV)

1. S.PIRITUAL GIFTS

God has given gifts to each of you from his great variety of spiritual gifts. Manage them well so that God's generosity can flow through you.

1 Peter 4:10 (NLT)

2. H.EART

My friends, how I wish with all my heart that my own people might be saved! How I pray to God for them!

Romans 10:1 (TEV)

3. A.BILITIES

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

1 Corinthians 12:6 (TEV)

4. P.ERSONALITY

For this reason I remind you to fan into flame the gift of God, which is in you through the laying on of my hands. ⁷For God did not give us a spirit of timidity, but a spirit of power, of love and of self-discipline.

2 Timothy 1:6-7 (NIV)

5. E.XPERIENCES.

I want you to know, brothers, that what has happened to me has really served to advance the gospel.

Philippians 1:12 (NIV)

❖ The Benefits of Serving and Blessing Others:

1. Serving others helps me DISCOVER JOY in my life.

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.

Philippians 2:17 (GW)

2. Blessing others will IMPROVE my RELATIONSHIPS.

If you serve Christ with this attitude, you will please God. And other people will approve of you, too.

Romans 14:18 (NLT)

3. Serving others will make my LIFE MEANINGFUL.

"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."

Mark 8:35 (NLT)

4. Blessing others allows me to LEAVE a LEGACY.

"Whoever wants to be great, must be a servant."

Matthew 20:26 (MSG)

*This is the only race worth running. I've run hard right to the finish, believed all the way.
⁸All that's left now is the shouting—God's applause!*

2 Timothy 4:7-8 (MSG)