

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

FOR SERVING

Spiritual Gifts Heart Abilities Personality Experiences

"Each one should use whatever gift he's received to serve others." 1 Pet. 4:10 (NIV)

My 4th Purpose is to

Jesus: "...the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many." Matt. 20:28 (NIV)

Learning to Serve like Jesus

1. Serving like Jesus means being

"Two blind men... shouted, 'Lord, have mercy on us!' ... Jesus stopped and called them. What do you want Me to do for you?' He asked." Matt. 20:30-32 (NIV)

"If you can help your neighbor now, don't say, 'Come back tomorrow, and then I'll help you." Prov. 3:28 (NLT)

1st barrier:

"Each of you should look not only to your own interests, but also to the interests of others." Phil. 2:4 (NIV)

2nd barrier:

"If you wait for perfect conditions, you'll never get anything done." Eccl. 11:4 (NLT)

3rd barrier:

"No servant can serve two masters... You cannot serve both God and money." Luke 16:13 (NIV)

2. Serving like Jesus means being

"Jesus looked up and said, 'Father, I thank you that you have heard Me. I knew that you always hear Me, but I said this for the benefit of the people standing here..." John 11:41-42 (NIV)

"Serve the Lord with gladness." Ps. 100:2 (KJV)

"It is He who saved us and chose us for His holy work not because we deserved it but because that was His plan ... " 2 Tim. 1:9 (LB)

1st Barrier:

"Who are you to judge someone else's servant? To his own master he stands or falls." Rom. 14:4 (NIV)

2nd Barrier:

"Be careful not to do your 'acts of righteousness' before men, to be seen by them. If you do, you will have no reward from your Father in heaven." Matt. 6:1 (NIV)

3. Serving like Jesus means being

"I have brought You glory on earth by completing the work You gave me to do." John 17:4 (NIV)

"Therefore, my dear brothers, stand firm. Let nothing move you. Always give yourselves fully to the work of the Lord, because you know that your labor in the Lord is not in vain." 1 Cor. 15:58 (NIV)

"Throw yourselves into the work of the Master, confident that nothing you do for Him is a waste of time or effort." 1 Cor. 15:58 (The Message)

"He will <u>not forget</u> how hard you have worked for Him and how you have shown your love to Him by caring for other *Christians.*" Heb. 6:10 (NLT)

"Well done, good and <u>faithful</u> servant! You have been <u>faithful</u> with a few things so; I will put you in charge of many things. Come and share your master's happiness?" Matt. 25:21 (NIV)

Ministry Fair in Tent Outside!

For this week's daily meditations, read days 29-35 in the book *The Purpose Driven Life.*

This week's memory verse: "Each one should use whatever gift he has received to serve others." 1 Peter 4:10 (NIV)