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# *The Pursuit of Holiness*

## *Serve Your World*

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**“7The end of all things is at hand; therefore, be self-controlled and sober-minded for the sake of your prayers. 8Above all, keep loving one another earnestly, since love covers a multitude of sins. 9Show hospitality to one another without grumbling. 10As each has received a gift, use it to serve one another, as good stewards of God’s varied grace: whoever speaks, as one who speaks oracles of God; 11whoever serves, as one who serves by the strength that God supplies—in order that in everything God may be glorified through Jesus Christ. To him belong glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen.” 1 Peter 4:7–11, ESV**

### **What’s Our Purpose?**

Love God – Love Others – Serve Our World

**Let’s Get Refocused:** To Belong to The Kingdom of God Is to Be on Task for Jesus

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As A Believer I Do Not Live My Life for Me,  
I Live It for Jesus

Attitude Check  
Self-Test on My Spiritual Life

When My Thoughts Reflect Christ’s Lordship Over My Life,

I Will Have A More Vibrant Prayer Life

## Love Looks Like Serving

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### **Why?**

“let him know that whoever brings back a sinner from his wandering will save his soul from death and will cover a multitude of sins.” *James 5:20, ESV*

Serving Our World in Love Points Others to Jesus

1. Every Believer Receives One or More Spiritual Gifts at The Time of Their Conversion *(See the Three Primary Lists of Gifts: Romans 12:6-8; 1 Corinthians 2:8-10,28-30; Ephesians 4:11)*

How Many Spiritual Gifts Are There?

2. What Do All These Gifts Have in Common?

We Are Called to Serve Our World...

Actively

Consistently

Lovingly

Now

3. There Are No Spiritual Gift Classes in the NT

I Discover My Gifts Through Serving  
I Don't Wait to Know My Gifts Before I Serve

4. If I Love God and Love Others I Will Serve My World

Serving My World Is Based on God's Blue Print  
for The Kingdom of God

Serving Is Not Optional Behavior  
*Luke 12:41-48*

**How Do I Get Started?**

Get Connected

Get Growing

Get Going