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# *Living on Purpose: Serve Your World*

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Love God – Love Others – Serve Your  
World

“The Son of Man came not to be served but to  
serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many.”

***Matthew 20:28, ESV***

“As the Father has sent me, so I am sending you.”

***John 20:21, NLT***

“For we are his workmanship, created in Christ  
Jesus for good works, which God prepared  
beforehand, that we should walk in them.”

***Ephesians 2:10, ESV***

## Love Turns A Believer into A Servant

We Are Not Saved by Serving, But We Are Saved for Serving

“Whoever loves his life loses it, and **whoever hates his life in this world will keep it for eternal life.** If anyone serves me, he must follow me; and where I am, there will my servant be also. If anyone serves me, the Father will honor him.”

*John 12:25–26, ESV*

“In the same way, **anyone who holds on to life just as it is destroys that life.** But if you let it go, reckless in your love, you’ll have it forever, real and eternal. “If any of you wants to serve me, then follow me. **Then you’ll be where I am, ready to serve at a moment’s notice.** The Father will honor and reward anyone who serves me.” *John 12:25–26, MSG*

I Do Not Live My Life for Me Anymore,  
I Now Live It for Jesus

Love for Others Moves Me to  
Do Something About Someone's Need

## **I Express My Identity as a Follower of Jesus Through Serving Others**

1. When I No Longer Chase After What I  
Desire – I Become Open to What God  
Desires

“Do not love this world nor the things it offers you,  
for when you love the world, you do not have the  
love of the Father in you. For the world offers only a  
craving for physical pleasure, a craving for  
everything we see, and pride in our achievements

and possessions. These are not from the Father, but are from this world.” **1 John 2:15–16, NLT**

## 2. I Move from “Because I Have To” To “I Am Compelled To”

“And since I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you ought to wash each other’s feet. **I have given you an example to follow. Do as I have done to you.** I tell you the truth, slaves are not greater than their master...” **John 13:14–16, NLT**

“For Christ’s love compels us, ... that those who live should no longer live for themselves but for him who died for them and was raised again.” **2 Corinthians 5:14–15, NIV**

When the Spirit of God Is Working in Me, I Find  
Myself Doing Things  
I Never Thought I Would Want to Do

3. I Discover the Power of Giving My Life Away to Others

“For to me to live is Christ, and to die is gain.”  
*Philippians 1:21, ESV*

If You Were Asked to Fill in The Blank,  
What Word Would You Use?

“For Me to Live Is \_\_\_\_\_.”

Does Anyone Confuse You with Jesus?

“But I say, walk by the Spirit, and you will not gratify the desires of the flesh. For the desires of the flesh are against the Spirit, and the desires of the Spirit are against the flesh ... Now the works of the flesh are evident: sexual immorality, impurity, sensuality, idolatry, sorcery, enmity, strife, jealousy, fits of

anger, rivalries, dissensions, divisions, envy, drunkenness, orgies, and things like these. I warn you, as I warned you before, that those who do such things will not inherit the kingdom of God. **But the fruit of the Spirit is** love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control; against such things there is no law. And those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires. If we live by the Spirit, let us also keep in step with the Spirit.”  
*Galatians 5:16–25, ESV*

## What / Where Is My Place of Service?

I Am Called to Serve My World...

Actively

Consistently

Lovingly

Now