

Built on Purpose
Created for Ministry
Ephesians 2:10

Matthew 22 ³⁷ You must love the Lord your God with all your heart, all your soul, and all your mind. ³⁸ This is the first and greatest commandment. ³⁹ A second is equally important: Love your neighbor as yourself. (NLT)

Ephesians 2 ¹⁰ God has made us what we are. He has created us in Christ Jesus to live lives filled with good works that he has prepared for us to do. (GW)

1. We are ALL ministers.

Ephesians 4 ¹¹ And he gave the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, the shepherds and teachers, ¹² to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ. (ESV)

Mark 10 ⁴⁵ For even the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve others and to give his life as a ransom for many. (NLT)

2. Every person and every ministry are important.

1 Corinthians 12 ¹⁸ But our bodies have many parts, and God has put each part just where he wants it. ¹⁹ How strange a body would be if it had only one part! ²⁰ Yes, there are many parts, but only one body. ²¹ The eye can never say to the hand, "I don't need you." The head can't say to the feet, "I don't need you." ²² In fact, some parts of the body that seem weakest and least important are actually the most necessary. (NLT)

3. Serving expresses your spiritual & natural gifts.

1 Peter 4 ¹⁰ God has given each of you a gift from his great variety of spiritual gifts. Use them well to serve one another. (NLT)

4. Serving demonstrates how you LOVE OTHERS.

Galatians 5 ¹³ My friends, you were chosen to be free. So don't use your freedom as an excuse to do anything you want. Use it as an opportunity to serve each other with love. ¹⁴ All that the Law says can be summed up in the command to love others as much as you love yourself. (CEV)

Galatians 5 ¹⁰ God isn't unjust so that he forgets your efforts and the love you have shown for his name's sake when you served and continue to serve God's holy people. (CEB)

5. The church needs YOU to serve.

1 Corinthians 12 ²⁷ All of you together are Christ's body, and each of you is a part of it. (NLT)