

Pleasing God Through Service

Introduction: *We were created to bring pleasure to God (Psalm 14:2; Ephesians 5:10). We learn today that God created us to serve Him rather than be self-serving or self-centered.*

I. You Were _____ to Serve

II Timothy 1:9; Ephesians 2:8-10; Matthew 8:15

A follower of Jesus is a "royal priest" (I Peter 2:9; Rev.1:5&6).

When God places opportunities in front of us to serve, then God expects us to serve (Galatians 6:10; Luke 10:30-37).

Ephesians 4:11-14

"Do all the good you can, by all the means you can, in all the ways you can, in all the places you can, at all the times you can, to all the people you can, as long as you ever can." (John Wesley)

"It is high time that the ideal of success should be replaced by the ideal of service." "The only really happy people are those who have learned to serve." (Albert Schweitzer)

II. You Are _____ to Serve

Jeremiah 1:5; Psalm 139:13-16

Matthew 20:28; Colossians 3:17,23&24; I Corinthians 10:31

Hebrews 10:24&25; Luke 6:38

III. You Are _____ to Serve

Did you Know?

-The average person possesses from 500 to 700 different skills and abilities?
-The human brain can store up to 100 trillion facts and handle 15,000 decisions per second?

-Our nose can smell up to 10,000 different odors?

-Our touch can detect an item 1/25,000th of an inch thick?

-Our tongue can taste one part quinine in 2 million parts of water?

Matthew 26:6-13; Mark 14:3-9