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A New Purpose

As a believer in Christ you have a new nature as well as a new calling. No Christian is more or less valuable in God's program than another. Our task is now to grow in the knowledge of Christ and to present ourselves to Him for His use.

For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith --and this not from yourselves, it is the gift of God--not by works, so that no one can boast. For we are God's workmanship, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do.

~ Ephesians 2:8-10

You have job to do for the Lord.

- A job that He has specifically for you.
- A job that no one else can do.
- A job which He prepared for you in ages past.

Why is service to the Lord required?

It reveals our love for the Lord - 1 Corinthians 15:58, Psalms 40:8, 9
It is our duty as believers in response for our salvation - 1 Samuel 12:24
The world around us needs us - Romans 10:13-15
Other believers need us- James 5:19, 20

Notice all the people who had excuses why God couldn't use them.

- Moses - Exodus 4:10
- Jeremiah - Jeremiah 1:6, 7
- Saul - 1 Samuel 9:21
- David - 1 Samuel 16:11, 12
- Gideon - Judges 6:15
- Paul - 1 Corinthians 2:1-5

Notice the important principle of service. Why does God choose to use such people? 1 Corinthians 1:28-30; 1 Samuel 16:7

What does God require of us to be used effectively?

- Devoted to Him -Psalm 86:2
- Walk in Holiness -2 Corinthians 7:1
- Our separated life - 2 Corinthians 6:14 -18
- People of Prayer -Colossians 4:2
- Not ashamed -2 Timothy 1:8
- Thankful -Psalms 106:1

As a believer you have a new purpose as well as a God-prepared mission for Him. We need to seek the Lord to find how we can be used. We know that He has given us spiritual gifts as well as the guidance of the Holy Spirit, so now you need to make the commitment to Him that the Lord can and will use you for whatever His perfect plan is for your life. Only then will you be content with your life, for you will be where the Lord wants you to be. Notice what Paul said in regard to being satisfied:

I have learned to be content whatever the circumstances. I know what it is to be in need, and I know what it is to have plenty. I have learned the secret of being content in any and every situation, whether well fed or hungry, whether living in plenty or in want. I can do everything through Him who gives me strength.

~ Philippians 4:11-13

Homework

Read "Why Does God Allow me to Suffer"

Memorize: *Godliness with contentment is great gain.*

~ 1 Timothy 6:6

To be where God wants you to be is to be in the right place; anywhere else is the wrong place.

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