



## Live Your Calling: What On Earth Am I Here For? (Part 5)

### You Are Called to Bless

- FOURTH PURPOSE OF MY LIFE: God shaped me to serve him

*"We are God's workmanship, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do!" —Ephesians 2:10*

- MY LIFE CALLING: bless other people  
TO BE A BI-VOCATIONAL minister of Jesus

Which means...

- To help others
- To honor God

*"God in his grace chose me even before I was born, and called me to serve him." —Galatians 1:15 (TEV)*

Menial tasks become meaningful tasks when I do it out of love for God.

#### WHAT WILL HAPPEN IF I USE MY LIFE TO SERVE AND BLESS OTHERS?

- Serving others unselfishly will create joy in my life

##### Secret of Joy #1

- Get the focus off myself

*"My life is being poured out as a part of the sacrifice and service I offer to God for your faith. Yet, I am FILLED WITH JOY, and I share that joy with all of you." —Philippians 2:17 (GW)*

*"Always be full of joy in the Lord; I say it again, rejoice! Let everyone see that you are unselfish and considerate in all you do." —Philippians 4:4-5 (LB)*

##### Secret of Joy #2

- I use my gifts to help others

*"God has given each of you some special abilities; be sure to use them to help each other, passing on to others God's many kinds of blessings." —1 Peter 4:10 (LB)*

- It will improve my relationships

**"Life is the lifelong task, the lifelong school of learning how to be unselfish."**

*"Your attitude must be like my own, for I did not come to be served but to serve..." —Matthew 20:28 (LB)*

**So how do I learn to be unselfish? Simple. Copy Jesus**

*"If you serve Christ in this way, you will please God and be respected by people." —Romans 14:18 (CEV)*

*"The one who blesses others is abundantly blessed; those who help others are helped." —Proverbs 11:25 (MSG)*

- Serving others unselfishly will make my life meaningful

*"If you try to keep your life for yourself, you will lose it. But if you give up your life for my sake and for the sake of the Good News, you will find true life." —Mark 8:35*

*"Always give yourselves fully to the work of the Lord, because you know that your work in the Lord is never wasted." —1 Corinthians 15:58 (NCV)*

- It will leave a legacy

*"Good people will be remembered as a blessing." —Proverbs 10:7 (NCV)*

*"If you want to be great, you must be the servant of all the others." —Matthew 20:26 (CEV)*

*"God is fair; he will not forget the work you did and the love you showed for him by helping his people. And he will remember that you are still helping them." —Hebrews 6:10 (NCV)*

*"My Father will honor anyone who serves me." —John 12:26 (NCV)*