

**YOU ARE CALLED TO BLESS**  
**Live Your Calling: What On Earth Am I Here For? – Part 5**  
**February 21<sup>st</sup>-24<sup>th</sup>, 2019**

- **The 4<sup>th</sup> Purpose of my life is God SHAPED me to SERVE Him**

S.H.A.P.E. – my spiritual gift(s), heart, abilities, personality, & experiences make me unique  
Ephesians 2:10 (NIV) “We are God’s workmanship, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do!”

God put you here to make a CONTRIBUTION with your life – that’s called MINISTRY

- **My Life Calling is to be a bi-vocational MINISTER of Jesus**

If you are a follower of Christ, whatever you do, you should do for two reasons: to HELP others and to HONOR God

Colossians 3:17 (NIV) “Whatever you do, whether in word or deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through Him.”

MENIAL tasks become MEANINGFUL tasks when I do it out of love for God

Everything in your life becomes SIGNIFICANT

You were saved to SERVE, to make a DIFFERENCE with your life

Galatians 1:15 (GN) “God in His grace chose me even before I was born, and called me to serve Him.”

**4 Incredible Benefits That Happen In Your Life If You Use Your Life to Serve & Bless Others**

- 1. Serving others unselfishly will create JOY in my life**

Permanent, ongoing joy comes through SERVICE, by giving my life AWAY

When we do this, we become more like GOD

John 3:16 (NIV) “For God so loved the world that He gave His one and only Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish but have eternal life.”

- Joy comes when I get the FOCUS off MYSELF  
Philippians 2:17 (GW) “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.”

The most HELPFUL people are the most HAPPY people in life

Philippians 4:4-5 (LB) “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 2:4 (Msg) “Forget yourselves long enough to lend a helping hand.”

- Joy comes when I use my GIFTS to HELP others  
1 Peter 4:10 (LB) “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.”

- 2. Serving others unselfishly improves my RELATIONSHIPS**

The root of most every relational problem in your life is SELF-CENTEREDNESS

Proverbs 13:10 (NLT) “Pride leads to conflict.”

I learn to be unselfish by COPYING Jesus

Matthew 20:28 (LB) “Your attitude must be like My own,... for I did not come to be served but to serve...”

When interacting with others, don't try to be **INTERESTING**, **BE** interested in others  
Romans 14:18 (CEV) "If you serve Christ in this way, you will please God and be respected by people."

The more I bless **OTHER** people, the more God blesses **ME**

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

Proverbs 11:17 (GN) "You do yourself a favor when you are kind."

Proverbs 22:9 (CSB) "A generous person will be blessed,..."

### 3. **Serving others unselfishly will make my life MEANINGFUL**

The way to find meaning in life is to give your **LIFE AWAY**; meaning comes from **MINISTRY**  
Mark 8:35 (NLT) "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."

1 Corinthians 15:58 (NCV) "Always give yourselves fully to the work of the Lord, because you know that your work in the Lord is never wasted." (also see Matthew 25:31-40)

### 4. **Serving others unselfishly will leave a LEGACY**

You will actually leave two legacies – one on **EARTH** and one in **ETERNITY**

When you begin to serve, it gives you a **REPUTATION**

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

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

Hebrews 6:10 (NCV) "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."

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

The best use of your life is to invest in something that will outlast it: **GOD'S WORD** & **PEOPLE**  
Isaiah 40:8 (NCV) "The grass dies and the flowers fall, but the word of our God will live forever."

Begin by taking a **BABY** step this week

#### **My Next Step Today Is:**

\_\_\_ I am willing to use what I'm good at to serve others at New Hope. Please contact me.

\_\_\_ I will visit the Ministry Event next Sunday in the courtyard

**Join Us Next Week:** Part 6 of Live Your Calling: You Are Called to be Sent. Invite a friend!