

CALLED TO SERVE

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INTRODUCTION:

A. God wants to use us to expand and enrich His Kingdom.

- First, we need make Jesus' agenda our agenda.

"Seek the Kingdom of God above all else, and live righteously, and He will give you everything you need."

- Matthew 6:33

- And **then** we become salt and light.

"You are the salt of the earth...you are the light of the world...let your good deeds shine out for all to see, so that everyone will praise your heavenly Father."

- Matthew 5:13-16

I. AT THE CORE WE ARE SERVANTS OF JESUS

A. We have been **created** for service.

For we are God's (created) masterpiece. He has created us anew in Christ Jesus, so we can do the good things He planned for us long ago.

- Ephesians 2:10

B. We have been **chosen** for service.

It is He who saved us and chose us for His holy work...that was His plan long before the world began...

- 2 Timothy 1:9

C. We have been **gifted** for service.

God has given each of you some special abilities, be sure to use them to help each other...

- 1 Peter 4:10

D. We are **accountable** for our service.

So then, each of us will give an account of ourselves to God.

- Romans 14:12

E. We will be **rewarded** for our service.

Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord, not people, since you know that you will receive an inheritance from the Lord as a reward.

- Colossians 3:23-24

II. SERVING THE JESUS WAY

A. We serve like Jesus served.

"Whoever wants to be a leader among you must be your servant, and whoever wants to be first among you must become your slave. For even the Son of Man came not to serve others and to give His life as a ransom for many."

- Matthew 20:25-28

He made Himself nothing by taking the very nature of a servant.

- Philippians 2:7

B. We serve up **love** whenever we can and wherever we can.

For the entire law is fulfilled in keeping this one command: Love your neighbor as yourself.

- Galatians 5:14

C. It's a lifestyle!

But don't just listen to God's word. You must do what it says...if you do what it says and don't forget what you heard, then God will bless you for doing it.

- James 1:22 & 25

Can't you see that faith without good deeds is useless?...

faith and action worked together...

- James 2:20 & 22

D. Good News and good works and good works and Good News.

"And you will be my witnesses...everywhere - in Jerusalem, throughout Judea and in Samaria and the ends of the earth."

- Acts 1:8

CONCLUSION: