Living Your Calling – Part 5 YOU ARE CALLED TO BLESS

God shaped me to serve Him by serving others

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

MY 4th LIFE CALLING:

TO BE A BI-VOCATIONAL MINISTER OF JESUS

Menial tasks become meaningful tasks when I do it to honor God and to help others in the name of Jesus

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

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

Serving others unselfishly. . .

1. Creates joy in my life.

Get the focus off of 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." Phil. 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." Phil. 4:4-5 (LB)

"Forget about yourself long enough to lend a helping hand." Phil. 2:4

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)

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2. Improves my relationships

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

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

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

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3. Makes 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 Cor. 15:58 (NCV)

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4. Will leave a <u>legacy</u>

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

"If you want to be great, you must be the servant of all the others." Matt. 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." Heb. 6:10 (NCV)

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