

# SHAPED FOR SERVING GOD

Based on Rick Warren's

## The Purpose Driven Life – Part 5

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Sermon Outline Notes

Planned for God's Pleasure = Worship  
Formed for God's Family = Fellowship  
Created to Become Like Christ = Discipleship

"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 (NIV)

When it comes to this life, you were created to contribute, not just consume.

"Your hands shaped me and made me." Job 10:8 (NIV) – You were shaped for God's service.

SHAPE = Spiritual Gifts + Heart + Abilities + Personality + Experiences

"Each one should use whatever gift he's received to serve others." 1 Peter 4:10 (NIV)

### MY 4<sup>th</sup> PURPOSE IS TO SERVE GOD BY SERVING OTHERS

The Bible calls this Ministry.

Jesus said, "Your attitude must be like My Own, for I did not come to be served, but to serve..." Matthew 20:28 (LB)

Your self-worth is not determined by success, status, or salary. Self-esteem comes through service.

#### 1. SERVING LIKE JESUS MEANS BEING AVAILABLE.

"Two blind men... shouted, 'Lord, have mercy on us!' ... Jesus stopped and called them. 'What do you want Me to do for you?' He asked." Matthew 20:30-32 (NIV)

"Never tell your neighbors to wait until tomorrow if you can help them now." Proverbs 3:28 (TEV)

**1<sup>st</sup> Barrier: SELFISHNESS** – "Forget yourselves long enough to lend a helping hand." Philippians 2:4 (MSG)

**2<sup>nd</sup> Barrier: PERFECTIONISM** – "If you wait for perfect conditions, you'll never get anything done." Ecclesiastes 11:4 (NLT)

**3<sup>rd</sup> Barrier: MATERIALISM** – "No servant can serve two masters... You cannot serve both God and money." Luke 16:13 (NIV)

**BUSY = Buried Under Satan's Yoke**

#### 2. SERVING LIKE JESUS MEANS BEING GRATEFUL.

"Serve the Lord with gladness." Psalm 100:2 (KJV)

**1<sup>st</sup> Barrier: COMPARISON & CRITICISM** – "Who are you to criticize someone else's servant? The Lord will determine whether His servant has been successful." Romans 14:4 (GW)

**2<sup>nd</sup> Barrier: WRONG MOTIVATIONS** – "When you do good deeds, don't try to show off. If you do, you won't get a reward from your Father in heaven." Matthew 6:1 (CEV)

#### 3. SERVING LIKE JESUS MEANS BEING FAITHFUL.

"I have brought You glory on earth by completing the work You gave me to do." John 17:4 (NIV)

"The one thing required of servants is that they be faithful..." 1 Corinthians 4:2 (TEV)

"Throw yourselves into the work of the Master, confident that nothing you do for Him is a waste of time or effort." 1 Corinthians 15:58 (MSG)

In God's book, there is no little service. Even a cup of cold water in His name is a gift to God.

"He will not forget how hard you have worked for Him and how you have shown your love to Him by caring for other Christians." Hebrews 6:10 (NLT)

"Well done, good and faithful servant! You have been faithful with a few things so; I will put you in charge of many things. Come and share your master's happiness!" Matthew 25:21 (NIV)

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