

Created for Service

1. God's Workmanship

- “For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand that we should walk in them” (Ephesians 2:10).
- In Greek, **ποίημα (poiēma)** means *masterpiece, crafted work*. You are God’s masterpiece, designed for a divine assignment.
- Salvation is not just freedom from sin it is empowerment for **purpose in Christ**.

2. Salvation With Purpose

- We are saved **for service**, not just saved **from sin**.
- “Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven” (Matthew 5:16).
- Good works are the **fruit of salvation** visible evidence of Christ in you.
- Ask yourself: *Am I living for myself, or for kingdom impact?*

3. Dominion and Service

- “Let Us make man in Our image, according to Our likeness; let them have dominion...” (Genesis 1:26–28).
- Dominion is not domination it is stewardship, ruling and serving creation under God’s authority.
- In Hebrew, **רָדָה (radah)** means *to rule, to govern, to manage responsibly*.
- Service is part of dominion bringing order, truth, and light into the world.

4. Sword and Light Identity

- As a Christian, your purpose is simple: you are a **sword** and a **light**.
 - **Sword** → The Word of God in you. It cuts through lies, confusion, and darkness (*Hebrews 4:12*).
 - **Light** → Your life. “A city set on a hill cannot be hidden” (Matthew 5:14).
- Light in Scripture was also used as a **preservative** you are called to preserve truth in a world that dilutes it.

5. Evangelism Through Lifestyle

- Your greatest tool in evangelism is not the verses you quote it is your **behavior**.
- *“Out of the abundance of the heart the mouth speaks”* (Matthew 12:34).
- Whatever fills your heart will show in your speech, decisions, and character.
- If your heart is full of the Word, you will reflect Christ’s character: patience, truth, integrity, purity, discipline, compassion, courage.

6. Calling Shifts With Seasons

- Your **core identity never changes** you are always a sword and a light.
- But your **assignment can shift** depending on season, environment, and God’s placement.
 - Sometimes He calls you to speak.
 - Sometimes He calls you to be silent.
 - Sometimes He positions you to lead.
 - Other times He positions you to serve quietly.
- *“To everything there is a season, and a time to every purpose under heaven”* (Ecclesiastes 3:1).

7. Staying Sharp and Available

- The assignment changes, but the **purpose stays the same**.
- Your job is to stay:
 - **Available** → Ready for God’s use.
 - **Obedient** → Yielded to His will.
 - **Full of the Word** → Keeping your sword sharp and your light shining.
- Wherever God places you school, work, home, friendships your life must reflect His glory.

✦ Summary

- You are God’s workmanship, created for service.
- Salvation is empowerment for purpose, not just escape from sin.
- Your identity as sword and light is constant, but your assignment shifts with seasons.
- Evangelism flows through lifestyle your words, habits, and character.
- Stay available, obedient, and full of the Word so your light shines and your sword remains sharp

Christ as the Example of Service

1. Christ Came to Serve

- “For even the Son of Man came not to be served, but to serve, and to give His life a ransom for many” (Mark 10:45).
- Service is not optional it is the very essence of Christ’s mission.
- In Greek, “serve” is **διακονέω (diakoneō)** meaning *to minister, to attend, to care for*. Christ’s life was ministry in action.

2. The Standard of Humility, Love, and Sacrifice

- Christ’s life is our **standard**: humility, love, and sacrifice.
- “The greatest among you shall be your servant. Whoever exalts himself will be humbled, and whoever humbles himself will be exalted” (Matthew 23:11–12).
- Humility is not weakness it is strength under submission.
- Love is not emotion it is action.
- Sacrifice is not loss it is gain for the Kingdom.

3. Demonstrating Christ Through Service

- When you serve others, you **demonstrate Christ** to them.
- “By this all will know that you are My disciples, if you have love for one another” (John 13:35).
- Service is the visible expression of invisible faith.
- Every act of kindness, compassion, and sacrifice is a living sermon.

4. Service as the Heartbeat of the Kingdom

- Service is the **heartbeat of God’s Kingdom**.
- “Whoever wants to become great among you must be your servant” (Matthew 20:26).
- Greatness in the Kingdom is measured not by position, but by service.
- In Hebrew, the word for servant **עֶבֶד (ebed)** means *bond-servant, one devoted to another’s will*. True greatness is devotion to God’s will expressed in serving others.

Summary

- Christ came to serve, not to be served.
- His life sets the standard of humility, love, and sacrifice.
- Service is the visible demonstration of Christ in us.
- The Kingdom of God beats with the rhythm of service—where greatness is measured by how much we give, not how much we receive.

The Purpose and Power of Service

1. Service as Participation in God's Work

- We are called to **actively participate** in the work of God with willing, open hearts.
- *“Therefore, my beloved brethren, be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that your labor is not in vain in the Lord”* (1 Corinthians 15:58).
- Service is not passive it is intentional, flowing from love and obedience.

2. Salvation Comes With Purpose

- Salvation is not only deliverance from sin it is empowerment for **purpose**.
- *“For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand that we should walk in them”* (Ephesians 2:10).
- In Greek, **ποίημα (poiēma)** means *masterpiece, crafted work*. You are God's masterpiece, designed to serve others.

3. Kingdom Impact Through Small Acts

- Kingdom impact often comes through **small acts of service**:
 - Checking in on someone.
 - Praying with or for them.
 - Offering encouragement or support.
- *“And whoever gives one of these little ones only a cup of cold water in the name of a disciple, assuredly, I say to you, he shall by no means lose his reward”* (Matthew 10:42).

- Service doesn't need to feel big to be impactful small seeds produce great harvests.

4. Faith as the Power Behind Service

- *"If you have faith as a mustard seed, you will say to this mountain, 'Move from here to there,' and it will move; and nothing will be impossible for you" (Matthew 17:20).*
- Faith is the energy that empowers service.
- Even the smallest act, when done in faith, carries eternal weight.

5. Serving God, Not Man

- You are not called to serve man for approval you are called to serve **God as His son**.
- *"And whatever you do, do it heartily, as to the Lord and not to men" (Colossians 3:23).*
- Service is worship it is devotion expressed through action.
- In Hebrew, the word for serve **עָבַד (avad)** means *to work, to labor, to worship*. Service is both practical and spiritual.

Summary

- Service is active participation in God's work.
- Salvation comes with purpose you were created to serve.
- Kingdom impact often flows through small acts of love and faith.
- Faith empowers service, making even the smallest act significant.
- True service is unto God, not for human approval it is worship in action.

Gifts Are for Service, Not Self

1. Gifts Are Meant to Serve Others

- *"Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God's grace in its various forms" (1 Peter 4:10).*
- Gifts are not for personal gain they are for **service and stewardship**.

- In Greek, “gift” is **χάρisma (charisma)** meaning *a grace-endowment, a divine empowerment*.
- Stewardship means managing what God has entrusted to you for the benefit of others.

2. The Tap Analogy

- Just as water flows from a tap not for the tap itself but for others to drink, your gift exists to **refresh others**.
- Remaining in the presence of God keeps the flow pure and powerful.
- *“Abide in Me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself, unless it abides in the vine, neither can you, unless you abide in Me”* (John 15:4).
- Presence fuels impact without abiding, the gift dries up.

3. Service Multiplies Impact

- *“Whoever has will be given more, and they will have an abundance. Whoever does not have, even what they have will be taken from them”* (Matthew 13:12, NIV).
- Service multiplies impact faithful use of gifts increases capacity.
- In the Kingdom, multiplication flows through stewardship, not selfishness.

4. Faithfulness With Little

- *“He who is faithful in what is least is faithful also in much; and he who is unjust in what is least is unjust also in much”* (Luke 16:10).
- Faithfulness with small assignments prepares you for greater responsibility.
- Every act of service is a test of stewardship your consistency determines your promotion.

5. Example of Dorcas

- Dorcas (Tabitha) used her gifts to serve and influence her community.
- *“This woman was full of good works and charitable deeds which she did”* (Acts 9:36).
- Her service was so impactful that when she died, the community cried out, and God restored her through Peter’s prayer (Acts 9:40–42).
- Dorcas shows that gifts used in service leave a lasting legacy.

Summary

- Gifts are divine endowments meant for service, not self.
- Stewardship means using your gift to refresh others, not to glorify yourself.
- Service multiplies impact faithfulness with little leads to abundance.

Faithfulness and Growth in Service

1. Service Starts Where You Are

- Service is **contextual** it begins with what you have, where you are.
- *“Whatever your hand finds to do, do it with your might”* (Ecclesiastes 9:10).
- You don’t wait for a platform or title; you serve in the present moment with the resources God has already entrusted to you.

2. Do Not Despise Small Beginnings

- *“For who has despised the day of small things?”* (Zechariah 4:10).
- Small beginnings are the training ground for greater assignments.
- In Hebrew, “small” **qaton** (qaton) means *insignificant, little, humble*. What feels insignificant is often the seed of greatness.

3. Consistent Faithfulness Prepares You

- Faithfulness in small things prepares you for **major assignments**.
- *“His lord said to him, ‘Well done, good and faithful servant; you were faithful over a few things, I will make you ruler over many things’”* (Matthew 25:21).
- Faithfulness is the bridge between calling and fulfillment.

4. Spiritual Maturity Through Service

- Spiritual maturity happens through service.
- Faithfulness brings **multiplication, influence, and legacy**.
- *“Moreover it is required in stewards, that a man be found faithful”* (1 Corinthians 4:2).
- Service is not just action it is formation. It shapes character, discipline, and spiritual authority.

5. Identifying and Using Your Gifts

- Identify your spiritual gifts and natural talents; use them to glorify God.
- *“Having then gifts differing according to the grace that is given to us, let us use them”* (Romans 12:6–8).
- In Greek, “gift” **χάρισμα (charisma)** means *grace-empowerment*. Every gift is a grace entrusted for Kingdom impact.

6. The Value of Perfected Talent

- The perfection (refinement) of your talent gives it value that can be used for impact.
- *“A man’s gift makes room for him, and brings him before great men”* (Proverbs 18:16).
- Gifts open doors, but faithfulness sustains influence.
- Refinement is the process that transforms raw ability into Kingdom impact.

Summary

- Service begins where you are, with what you have.
- Small beginnings shape you for greater assignments.
- Consistent faithfulness prepares you for multiplication, influence, and legacy.
- Spiritual gifts and talents must be identified, refined, and used to glorify God.
- Your gift will make room for you, but faithfulness ensures you remain effective in that room.

Structure and Readiness for God’s Move

1. God Moves Through Structure

- *“Let all things be done decently and in order”* (1 Corinthians 14:40).
- God releases blessing where He finds **order**.
- Structure is the framework through which divine impact flows.

2. Preparing the Area for Blessing

- Ask yourself: *What do I want Him to bless me in?*
- There must be an area or structure in place for God to use.
- Example: Praying for a job, but also preparing your CV and applying.
- Faith without structure is incomplete faith must be paired with preparation.

3. Serving Where You Are

- You don't wait for a big platform to start serving it begins **now, where you are**.
- *"He who is faithful in what is least is faithful also in much"* (Luke 16:10).
- Small beginnings are the training ground for greater assignments.

4. Structure Your Life for Impact

- Structure your life so God can move through it.
- Impact flows through **divine order**.
- *"For God is not the author of confusion but of peace"* (1 Corinthians 14:33).
- Character comes before manifestation God builds the vessel before He pours out the blessing.



Service Through Prayer

1. Prayer as Service

- Praying for others your family, leaders, and government—is a form of service.
- *"I urge, then, first of all, that petitions, prayers, intercession and thanksgiving be made for all people for kings and all those in authority"* (1 Timothy 2:1–2).
- Prayer is not passive it is active service in the spirit.

2. Intercession as Kingdom Work

- Intercession is **kingdom work**; it shapes destinies and brings God's will on earth.
- *"Your kingdom come, Your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven"* (Matthew 6:10).

- In Greek, “intercession” **ἐντεύξις (enteuxis)** means *to petition, to meet with, to intervene*.
- Intercession is standing in the gap, aligning earth with heaven.

✦ Summary

- God moves through structure order releases blessing.
- Preparation and character are the foundation for manifestation.
- Service begins where you are, not on a big stage.
- Prayer is a powerful form of service intercession shapes destinies and aligns earth with heaven’s will.