



# Building God's House



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- We go to church and *expect* to be served.
- The criteria He will use is determined upon how we *put into action* the faith that we profess with our mouths.

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- It's how we live out our faith on a *daily basis*.
- God says what makes a person great is one's *service to others*.



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- Jesus is saying that the more we serve, the greater we are.
- The two words that best define the Christian life are “give” and “serve.”

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- “What sort of service toward God and toward others am I *called to?*”
- *Ministry* simply means using the gifts and talents God has given us, and helping someone else with them in the name of God.

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- So we are all called to be not only servants, but also *ministers*.
- And so if we were called to *salvation*, we were called to *serve*.

# 1. We Were Created for Service.

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- God created us so that we can serve Him and His kingdom purposes.

- We have been designed and molded by God to make a contribution in life.



## 2. We Are Saved for Service.

- Paul tells Timothy to rekindle the gift that God had given to him.
- Paul then reminds Timothy that He was saved for a holy work.

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- The answer is because He has something for us to do.
- We are merely servants of God, saved and called by God to do His good pleasure, to do His kingdom work.

### 3. We Are *Gifted* for Service.

- The Apostle Paul tells us that these gifts are the *outworking* of the Holy Spirit in our lives to benefit the church, which is, the body of Christ.

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- The Apostle Paul tells us to start working together with our gifts as a fully *functioning* body.



# Tips for Service

a. Forget *Yourself*.

• Forget about your needs and be *others-oriented*.

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b. Don't Wait.

•Don't wait for perfect conditions.

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## c. Get Rightly *Focused*.

- One of the major barriers to serving is that of wrong *motivations*.

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## d. Be Faithful.

- If we were created, saved and gifted by God for service, this is an important aspect of our Christian life.

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- What things need to be done within the church?
- What can you contribute to the overall spiritual health of the congregation?





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- What can you do to make a difference in this community of faith for Christ?
- If you're waiting on God, do what waiters do:  
**SERVE**