

IN TOUCH

YOU WERE SHAPED FOR SERVING GOD

Dear Friend:

Do you know you were put on earth to make a contribution? You were! You were not created just to consume resources – to eat, breath, work, play. You were created to be a river not a reservoir, be a flow of blessing to others. Our culture says: “Get the most out of life that you can,” God says: “Give the most in life you can.” If you are a Christian God designs you to use spiritual gifts both inside and outside the church. You were shaped for serving God and this is the fourth purpose of your life. The past few weeks I have written about the first three purposes: to worship / glorify God, to be connected to a local church (a member of his family), and to become like Christ. Your fourth purpose, shaped for serving God, requires a servant’s heart and that’s not easy. It is really hard when others treat you like a servant.

How do real servants act? According to Pastor Rick Warren real servants make themselves available to serve, pay attention to needs, do their best with what they have, and do their tasks with equal dedication. Real servants know God wants our availability first and our abilities second. If you are rarely available to God all of the abilities in the world are not much good for his purpose. A non – serving servant is an oxymoron. A servant pays attention to the needs of others. The Bible says: “Whenever we have the opportunity, we have to do what is good for everyone, especially for the family of believers” (Galatians 6:10 GWT). Real servants do their best with what they have. People often hesitate to volunteer to do something because they do not feel they are good enough. I like to say: “Do your best and God will do the rest.” Real servants do their tasks with equal dedication. The scripture is clear: “Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart as working for the Lord...” (Colossians 3:23 NIV). If we do everything as working for the Lord we will be dedicated!

You were shaped for serving God...how’s your serving going?

In Christ’s Love,

Pastor Mike

Prayers: Vaccine success, teachers & students, pre-school start-up. Dick Fisher

Events: Saturday, March 20, Easter Egg Hunt at Franklin Church 11:00 am for pre-K to grade 5.