

The defining moment
in life is discovering
God's purpose for me.

It creates confidence and direction in life

It leads to success—with
significance—in life

It unleashes satisfaction in life

*"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

*"God, you shaped me first inside, then out; you
formed me in my mother's womb ... You know
exactly how I was made, bit by bit, how I was
sculpted from nothing into something ... You saw
me before I was born and scheduled each day of my
life in your book even before I began to breathe."*

PSALM 139:13-16

"God's hands shaped and made me."

JOB 10:8

I do not exist simply by the will of my parents. God designed and built me **for His purpose.**

God's glorious purpose for me is fulfilled only in, with and through his family, **the Church.**

"Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others."

1 PETER 4:10

Serving, broadly defined in the Bible, is called **ministry.**

Ministry is using my divine design to **serve God's people** and **God's purposes** on God's behalf.

"We are all part of Christ's body, and parts that seem to be weaker are indispensable."

1 CORINTHIANS 12:22

The most important thing I can do with my life, more than fortune or fame, is serving God's small flock to build God's big family.

SERVE LIKE JESUS

"Your attitude must be like my own, for I did not come to be served, but to serve."

MATTHEW 20:28

Serving like Jesus means being available to reorient my busy life to **make ministry a priority.**

THE ATTITUDE OF AVAILABILITY

"The two blind men shouted, 'Lord, have mercy on us!' Jesus stopped and called them, 'What do you want me to do for you?'"

MATTHEW 20:31-32

Most of Jesus' ministry and miracles **were interruptions.**

DEVELOPING AVAILABILITY

I will have to overcome
my **too-busy schedule**.

*"More than anything else, put God's work
first and do what he wants. Then the
other things will be yours as well."*

MATTHEW 6:33

DEVELOPING AVAILABILITY

I will have to overcome
my **self-centeredness**.

*"Forget yourself long enough to
lend a helping hand."*

PHILIPPIANS 2:4

DEVELOPING AVAILABILITY

I will have to overcome
my **perfectionism**.

*"If you wait for perfect conditions, you
will never get anything done."*

ECCLESIASTES 11:4

*"I came to serve, not to be served—
then to give away my life."*

MARK 10:45

"God will not forget how hard you have worked for him and how you have loved him by serving others."

HEBREWS 6:10
