

MAKING TWENTY, ONE, EIGHT ... Great!
"Created Anew to Serve True" – Ephesians 2:10 (MSG)

I. Saved to Serve

He creates each of us by Christ Jesus to join him in the work he does, the good work he has gotten ready for us to do, work we had better be doing. Ephesians 2:10 (MSG)

[Jesus said, I] did not come to be served but to serve. Matthew 20:28

Do not imitate what is evil but what is good. 3 John 1:11 *sel* (ESV)

II. How I Serve God

Being Thankful

Because of God's great mercy we offer ourselves as a living sacrifice dedicated to his service. Romans 12:1 (GNT)

Being Available

Two blind man were sitting by the roadside and, when they heard that Jesus was passing by, then shouted, "Lord, Son of David have mercy on us!" Jesus stopped and called them. "What do you want me to do for you? he asked?" Matthew 20:30-32 *sel* (NIV)

Being Faithful

Good job, you're a good and faithful servant! You proved that you could be trusted with a small amount. I will put you in charge of a large amount. Come and share your master's happiness. Matthew 25:23 (GW)

Barriers to Serving

Self-centeredness – Philippians 2:4 (MSG)

A Perfectionist Mindset – Ecclesiastes 11:4 (TLB)

Materialism – Luke 16:13

III. How I can Serve Others

Sharing Our Gifts, Talents, Stories and Resources

God has given each of you a gift from his great variety of spiritual gifts. Use them well to serve one another...Then everything you do will bring glory to God through Jesus Christ. All glory and power to him forever and ever! 1 Peter 4:10-11 *sel* (NLT)

Sharing the Lessons, Experiences, and Truths We've Learned

Please don't squander one bit of this marvelous life God has given. Well, now is the right time to listen, the day to be helped. Don't put [serving] off; don't frustrate God's work by showing up late. 2 Corinthians 6:1-3 *sel* (MSG)

Protecting Others

Give justice to the weak and the fatherless; maintain the right of the afflicted and the destitute. Rescue the weak and the needy; deliver them from the hand of the wicked. Psalm 82:3-4 (ESV)

Love Others

Love one another with brotherly affection. Outdo one another in showing honor. Romans 12:10 (ESV)