

**Serving God and
His Kingdom: By
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Many do not know what to do with the time that God has given them. Many waste their time doing things that do not matter for eternity. Many are focused on the wrong things, such as watching television, playing video games, or scrolling through social media news feeds. What matters is your eternal destiny and what you are doing for eternity. Are you sowing into the kingdom of God? Are you using your gifts and talents to serve one another? Are you loving others? Do you show the fruit of the Spirit in your life?

Do you represent Christ in your actions, thoughts, and words? Are you respectful of others? Do you care about the lost souls that are perishing? Do you desire to spread the gospel, whether that be on social media or in person? Do you desire to encourage others in their faith? Do you desire to pray more or fast more? All of these things will account for eternity.

If you are watching hours of Netflix or playing video games you are filling your mind with junk and with garbage. A lot of what is on the tv and radio is sinful, worldly, and lustful things. A lot of the Video games, movies, tv shows, and music are about drugs, alcohol, sex, violence, crime, getting drunk and high. You do not

want to fill your mind with those things because it will lead you to act on those things, and then you will fall into sin. You will also fall away from Christ if you are focused on the wrong things and not focused on serving Christ and doing His will.

So what can we be doing with our time and energy? How can we serve God and others? How can we use our gifts and talents? How can we steward our time well? How can we grow in our relationship with Jesus Christ?

Well, first we can grow spiritually by spending time reading God's word and applying it to our lives. We can spend time praying, which is talking and listening to God. We can put worship music on and sing songs of praise and worship to the Lord. We can get out in nature and be surrounded by God's creation and we can go on prayer walks and talk to God while walking.

There are different ways that we can grow in our faith and relationship with God. Allow Him to lead and guide you and direct your path as you continue to acknowledge Him in all your ways. Allow God to order your steps and show you the path to take to follow.

When you hear His voice, obey what he tells you to do. Seek to follow Him and be pleasing to Him.

We can also use our gifts and talents, whether that is in a church setting around other believers or that is outside of church on social media or in person. We can use our gifts and talents at our jobs in the workforce, or at our schools. We can use our gifts and talents as mothers, fathers, wives, and husbands. Marriage and motherhood are ministries in and of themselves. God can use you to minister to others outside your family, but your family is your first ministry above all and your relationship with God too.

You can serve God and others by taking care of your children. You may be feeding them and giving them baths and changing their diapers. That is a ministry in and of itself. God can still use you on social media to create content and take care of your children. He can use you in multiple areas and ministries. It is just up to us to be obedient to walk to what He is calling us to do in the season that we are currently in at the moment. God may be calling you to serve at your church and raise a family. Or He may be calling you to go out and minister to lost souls while you are raising a family. Or

God may be calling you to start a business while you are taking care of your family. You may be taking care of your husband and children while doing others things that God is calling you to steward for His glory.

If you are single right now, God can use you at your job. If you have the gift of cooking and baking, God may want you to work at a McDonalds or a fast food restaurant to serve and use your gift there. If you have the gift of administration, God may want you to be secretary at an office. If you have a desire to go back to school to get a degree, God can use you in that area as well.

For many Christians, God is calling them out of the secular work force to serve Him and to do His will. Many Christians are being called into full time ministry or being called to start businesses and get married and raise families. God has a plan and purpose for every one of us and He wants us to step into it and be obedient to what He is calling us to do.

If you do not know what gifts God has given you, ask Him to show you and lead and guide you. He will give you wisdom and revelation on what He is calling you to

do in this season. He will show you His will for your life and what He wants you to do to serve Him and others. God may have you serve your husband and children right now before He has you serve other people outside of your family. Or He may have you serve your local church or community until you get married and have kids. Just be obedient to what He is leading you to do in this time and season.

You may not know what gifts God has given you. But you can know for sure if you ask the Holy Spirit to reveal that to you. Maybe you are good at singing and you can write music or you can speak well then write books or do videos. Maybe you are good at painting and drawing or doing art, then create art for your church or to sell online. Just be led and guided by the Holy Spirit. 1 Peter 4:10-11 says, "As every man hath received the gift, even so minister the same one to another, as good stewards of the manifold grace of God. If any man speak, let him speak as the oracles of God; if any man minister, let him do it as of the ability which God giveth: that God in all things may be glorified through Jesus Christ, to whom be praise and dominion for ever and ever. Amen."

