

God Created You to Help Others

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Regardless of your job or career, you are called to full-time Christian service. A "non-serving Christian" is a contradiction in terms.

The Bible says, *"He saved us and called us to be his own people, not because of what we have done, but because of his own purpose"* (2 Timothy 1:9 TEV).

Peter adds, *"You were chosen to tell about the excellent qualities of God, who called you"* (1 Peter 2:9 GW).

Growing up, you may have thought that being called by God was something only missionaries, pastors, nuns, and other full-time church workers experienced, but the Bible says every Christian is called to service (Ephesians 4:4–14; see also Romans 1:6–7; 8:28–30; 1 Corinthians 1:2, 9, 26; 7:17; Philippians 3:14; 1 Peter 2:9; 2 Peter 1:3).

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