



Life Principles Notes™

Can God Use You?

Summary:

Are you actively serving God? Are you following Him in love, obedience, and faith? Or are you idle in your service to Him, wondering if God could really use someone like you?

Unfortunately, sometimes people decide that they can't be of any use to God because they judge themselves unworthy of serving Him. Others do not really know what it means to serve God. They believe that as long as they are going to church on Sunday they are doing all He requires.

However, no matter who you are, God calls you to a much deeper relationship with Him and He wants to work through you in a way that will bring you purpose, joy, and fulfillment. Therefore, the real question is: Are you available to Him?

Key Passage: [Ephesians 2:1–10](#)

Supporting Scripture: *Genesis 2:15; Psalm 92:12–14; Ephesians 1:4–5; Hebrews 9:27; 1 Peter 4:9–11*

Scriptural Principles:

1 God saves us for the purpose of glorifying Himself.

Ephesians 2:10 tells us, “We are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand so that we would walk in them.” God saves you for the purpose of glorifying Himself through your service. It is His will and plan that you live as an active, obedient follower of Christ and imitate Him in all that you do.

How are you serving God on a daily basis? How do you represent God to those you live and work with? How are you carrying on His work and making Him known on the earth?

All throughout Scripture God used people to do His will and carry His message. Yet, it was never up to His servants to choose how they would serve Him. Rather, it is God who always knows how to best employ His people to their full potential. God assigned Noah the task of building an ark and preaching repentance. He instructed David to slay Goliath and be a godly leader of Israel. He transformed Paul into the greatest missionary the world has ever known. And the most amazing thing is God wants to use you to do astounding things for Him as well.

In fact, as a believer, you have a mandate to glorify God with your life. When you refuse to live a godly, obedient life, you are in rebellion against Him, which is a waste of your talents and resources. However, when you dedicate your time, abilities, skills, and spiritual gifts to honoring and obeying Him, you make the best investment of your life you could ever make.

You are part of the body of Christ—called to be part of His people and purpose on earth. Together, we should always be an energetic body of people filled with the Spirit of God, whose lives glorify God at work, at home, in our communities and among our friends and loved ones.

2 No matter what God asks us to do, He provides the resources we need.

Just as God knows the best way for you to serve Him, He also knows everything you need to be an effective witness for Him in the world. God will never ask you to do anything solely by your own strength or knowledge. He knows that there's not much you can accomplish that way. Rather, He gives you everything you need—including your giftedness—and asks that you obey Him so that He can work through you and display His mighty power and profound wisdom in your life.

With that in mind, God has given various skills and talents to different people so that we can be supportive and useful to one another. No matter what the job, all are important in the eyes of God because all have the potential of influencing and blessing the people around us.

First Peter 4:9–10 instructs, “Each one has received a special gift, employ it in serving one another as good stewards of the manifold grace of God.” Therefore, understand:

- *The gift you have is a special gift.* It is especially suited to your personality because God created you with that giftedness and purpose in mind.
- *The gift you have must be put to work.* We serve God by ministering to other people—helping them, encouraging them to grow in the faith, and pointing them in the right direction.
- *The gift you have requires your stewardship.* You are responsible to God for using that gift effectively.
- *The gift you have has been given to you because of the manifold grace of God.* For you to experience the love of God fully, you must show it to others through the gifts He has given you.

This may sound somewhat challenging; however, God will always empower you to accomplish whatever He asks you to do—and the most powerful way He helps you is through the presence of His Holy Spirit.

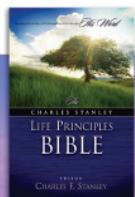
3 Why don't we live in a way that is pleasing to God?

You must decide whether or not you are going to be available to God—whether or not you will invest your life in the manner He created you to invest it. If you refuse to serve the living God, you are sinning against your Creator. He gave you everything you have—including your life—and the key to enjoying all of it is recognizing His lordship. Why do some people refuse to serve God?

- *Poor self-image.* People don't feel worthy or talented enough to serve God. Yet, God Himself makes us worthy through Christ and will fill all our needs as long as we are depending on and obedient to Him.
- *Comparison.* People compare themselves to others and convince themselves that someone else could do the task better. Although this may be true, God wants an obedient servant—not a perfect performer.
- *Weakness.* People focus on their weaknesses instead of God's strength. However, God often works through our imperfections, weaknesses, and faults to show that the success we garner is because of Him and not due to our own resources.
- *Fear.* People are simply too afraid to step out in faith. This is the natural consequence of measuring tasks against our ability to achieve them. However, when we measure them against God's ability, we see that nothing is ever too difficult.
- *Laziness.* People are too apathetic and unmotivated to obey. Yet, we owe our lives and salvation to God, and we should live in thankfulness to Him.

Conclusion:

Do you live to please God or yourself? This is the question at the heart of whether or not you will join God in His amazing work. God knows exactly what He wants to do in your life, and what it will take to accomplish it. He will provide everything you need to pursue His



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will. If you reject Him, you doom yourself to a life of emptiness and disappointment. However, if you trust and obey Him, you will experience the best life possible.

Therefore, glorify Him by living in a manner that is pleasing to Him. Be available. Submit yourself to Him in humility and purity. Serve Him in whatever way He instructs and always trust Him to show you what to do. Because that is living life at its very best. 🙏

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