



'IT'S TIME TO GIVE BACK'

Ephesians 2:10; John 17:4

We were put on earth to make a contribution, to give back some of what God has given us. We were created to add to life on earth, not just take from it. **It's Time to Give Back!!** As African Americans, we have been forced to be servants to the larger majority, but as Christians we are called to be servants to the least of those whom Jesus loves (Matthew 25:31-46). It is interesting that the concept of serving others has become so distorted in our modern culture. It is misunderstood. "To serve" means "to minister." When people hear "ministry," they think of pastors, priests, and professional clergy, but God says every member of His family is a minister. In the Bible, the words servant and minister are synonymous, as are service and ministry. If you are a Christian, you are a minister, and when you are serving, you are a minister.

You have been allowed to live and prosper so that you can give back. God has a ministry for you in His church and a mission for you in the world.

I. You Are 'Created' to Serve God

- A. You are not saved by service, but you are saved for service – Ephesians 2:10
- B. When you serve others, you serve God – Colossians 3:23, 24
- C. God chose you to serve Him before you were born – Jeremiah 1:5

II. You Were 'Saved' to Serve God

- A. God saved and chose you to do holy work – 2 Timothy 1:9
- B. God paid a price for you, so give back – 1 Corinthians 6:20
- C. Serve God by sacrificing your body – Romans 12:1
- D. Go from death to life by loving each other – 1 John 3:14
- E. Peter's mother-in-law was healed and started giving back – Matthew 8:15

III. You Were 'Called' to Serve God

- A. God called you for His purpose– To Give Back!! – 2 Timothy 1:9
- B. You were chosen to tell others about God – 1 Peter 2:9
- C. You were raised to life to serve God – Romans 7:4

IV. You Are 'Commanded' to Serve God

- A. You were not created to be served, but to serve – Matthew 20:28
- B. If you give your life up—you will get it back – Mark 8:35; Matthew 10:37-42; 16:25; Luke 9:24;

17:33

DO NOT USE ANY EXCUSE NOT TO GIVE BACK!!

—Ephesians 2:10

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