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SPIRITUAL CONTRIBUTORS

31 Meanwhile, the disciples were urging Jesus, "Rabbi, eat something." 32 But Jesus replied, "I have a kind of food you know nothing about." 33 "Did someone bring him food while we were gone?" the disciples asked each other. 34 Then Jesus explained, "My nourishment comes from doing the will of God, who sent me, and from finishing his work." John 4:31-34 NLT

WE ARE NOT SPIRITUAL <u>CONSUMERS</u>; WE ARE SPIRITUAL <u>CONTRIBUTORS</u>. THE CHURCH DOES NOT EXIST FOR <u>US</u>. WE ARE THE CHURCH AND WE EXIST FOR THE WORLD.

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God calls you to serve <u>in</u> his church.

⁶ In his grace, God has given us different gifts for doing certain things well. So if God has given you the ability to prophesy, speak out with as much faith as God has given you. ⁷ If your gift is serving others, serve them well. If you are a teacher, teach well. ⁸ If your gift is to encourage others, be encouraging. If it is giving, give generously. If God has given you leadership ability, take the responsibility seriously. And if you have a gift for showing kindness to others, do it gladly. Romans 12:6-8 NLT

God calls you to serve <u>as</u> his church.

14 "You are the light of the world—like a city on a hilltop that cannot be hidden. 15 No one lights a lamp and then puts it under a basket. Instead, a lamp is placed on a stand, where it gives light to everyone in the house. 16 In the same way, let your good deeds shine out for all to see, so that everyone will praise your heavenly Father." Matthew 5:14-16 NLT

We are not saved by good works. We are saved *for* Good works.