

## Love Serves

### *Shaped To Serve*

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### **The Heart of A Servant**

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Whoever wants to become great among you must be your servant, and whoever wants to be first must be slave of all. For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many. (Mark 10:43-45)

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#### *God's Epic Vision*

Ephesians 1 & 2

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Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, ... For he chose us in him before the creation of the world... according to the plan of him who works out everything in conformity with the purpose of his will. (Ephesians 1:3-4, 11)

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For he chose us in him before the creation of the world to be holy and blameless in his sight. (Ephesians 1:4)

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In love he predestined us for adoption to sonship through Jesus Christ. (Ephesians 1:4-5)

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When you believed, you were marked in him with a seal, the promised Holy Spirit. (Ephesians 1:13)

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When you believed, you were marked in him with a seal, the promised Holy Spirit, who is a deposit guaranteeing our inheritance until the redemption of those who are God's possession. (Ephesians 1:13-14)

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For we are God's handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do. (Ephesians 2:10)

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1) S = \_\_\_\_\_

From him the whole body, joined and held together by every supporting ligament, grows and builds itself up in love, as each part does its work. (Ephesians 4:16)

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I had not told anyone what my God had put in my heart to do for Jerusalem. (Nehemiah 2:12)

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4) P = \_\_\_\_\_

For you created my inmost being;  
you knit me together in my mother's womb.  
I praise you because I am fearfully and wonderfully made;  
your works are wonderful,  
I know that full well.  
My frame was not hidden from you  
when I was made in the secret place,  
when I was woven together in the depths of the earth.  
Your eyes saw my unformed body;  
all the days ordained for me were written in your book  
before one of them came to be. (Psalm 139: 13-16)

A retriever loves the water; a lion loves the hunt; a hawk loves to soar. It's what they're made for.  
Desire reveals design, and design reveals destiny. (John Eldredge, *Wild At Heart*)

5) E = \_\_\_\_\_

You will be most effective when you use your *spiritual gifts* and *abilities* in the area of your *heart's* desire, and in a way that best expresses your *personality* and *experiences*.  
(Rick Warren, *The Purpose Driven Life*)

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### *Two Key Questions*

⇒ \_\_\_\_\_ Has \_\_\_\_\_ ... \_\_\_\_\_ You To \_\_\_\_\_?

⇒ \_\_\_\_\_ You ... \_\_\_\_\_?

While knowing your shape is important for serving God, having the heart of a servant is even more important. Remember, God shaped you for service, not for self-centeredness. Without a servant's heart, you will be tempted to misuse your shape for personal gain. You will also be tempted to use it as an excuse to exempt yourself from meeting some needs.

God often tests our hearts by asking us to serve in ways we're not shaped. If you see a man fall into a ditch, God expects you to help out, not say, "I don't have the gift of mercy or service." While you may not be gifted for a particular task, you may be called to do it if no one gifted is around. Your primary ministry should be in the area of your shape, but your secondary service is where ever you're needed at the moment.

Your shape reveals your ministry, but your servant's heart will reveal your maturity.

(Rick Warren, *The Purpose Driven Life*, p. 255)

