

# Serve @Full Capacity

## Serving Like David Acts 13:36

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*“For David, after he had served the purpose of God in his own generation, fell asleep, and was laid among his fathers...” (Acts 13:36)*

*“...He raised up David to be their king, concerning whom He also testified and said, ‘I HAVE FOUND DAVID the son of Jesse, A MAN AFTER MY HEART, who will do all My will.’ From the offspring of this man, according to promise, God has brought to Israel a Savior, Jesus,” (Acts 13:22-23)*

### **First: “David served...”**

We might expect that he would say...

“David the... shepherd... musician... King ... brave soldier... author and composer... great leader....” *“David the servant..”*

*“From the offspring of this man, according to promise, God has brought to Israel a Savior, Jesus” (Acts 13:23)*

*“The Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give His life a ransom for many.” (Matthew 20:28)*

Doesn't it make sense that if David served... and Jesus served... that we, who are followers of Jesus, should also serve?

Having a servant's heart is not only a sign of “greatness” in the kingdom of God, (Matthew 20: 25-28) and a requirement of a follower of Jesus, (John 13:13-17) it is also an indication that someone is a Christian.

*“...they turned to God from idols to **serve** a living and true God...” (1 Thessalonians 1:9b)*

### **Second: “David served God's Purpose...”**

*“Jesus answered, ‘The foremost is, ‘HEAR, O ISRAEL! THE LORD OUR GOD IS ONE LORD; AND YOU SHALL LOVE THE LORD YOUR GOD WITH ALL YOUR HEART, AND WITH ALL YOUR SOUL, AND WITH ALL YOUR MIND, AND WITH ALL YOUR STRENGTH.’ The second is this, ‘YOU SHALL LOVE YOUR NEIGHBOR AS YOURSELF.’ There is no other commandment greater than these.’” (Mark 12:29-31)*

### **How can you tell if you truly love God?**

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## How can you tell if you truly love your neighbor?

Three attitudes: What's yours is mine, I'll take it.  
What's mine is mine, I'll keep it.  
What's mine is yours, I'll share it.

*“And Jesus came up and spoke to them, saying, ‘All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth. Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age.’”* (Matthew 28:18-20)

There is a huge difference between knowing what God's purpose is and actually serving it.

### **Third: “David served God's purpose in his own generation...”**

We need to stop dreaming about a better time to live and different place to serve and do **what** we can, **where** we are, **with** what we have.

*“The men of Issachar...understood the times and knew what Israel should do...”*  
(1 Chronicles 12:32)

*“For if you remain silent at this time, relief and deliverance will arise for the Jews from another place and you and your father's house will perish. And who knows whether you have not attained royalty for such a time as this?”* (Esther 4:14)

### **Fourth: “David served God's purpose in his own generation and fell asleep...”**

If you “fell asleep” tonight, what are the chances that you would hear Jesus say to you, “*well done, good and faithful servant.*”