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One of the most impacting things that God has done for me is to give me a purpose for life. In Ecclesiastes 12:13, the purpose is clear and simple: the whole duty of man is to respect God and to keep His commandments. Isaiah 43:7 declares, "*Even* every one that is called by my name: for I have created him for my glory, I have formed him; yea, I have made him."

Sometime ago, I determined by sheer logic that if I was not loving God and keeping His commandments, I was missing the whole point of my existence. This started my resolve to stay faithful in my allegiance to God and to the precepts of His Word. A truth which further cemented my life's purpose is in Ephesians 2:12, where God reminds us of the stark reality that at one time we were in a state of "having no hope, and without God in the world." But we are now delivered. As stated in Ephesians 1:4, we are now "holy and without blame before him in love."

What a remarkable deliverance God has wrought for us and what great favor He has showered upon us! Having an understanding of God's calling for my life as stated in Ephesians 2:10, "created in Christ Jesus unto good works," I know it's not about me any longer, but it's about God Who allows me to be able to give back. I once heard an inspiring quote from a great man who stated, "The greater the deliverance, the greater the commitment" (or service). This further impressed upon me the desire to stay faithful to God and His Word and to the ministry that taught me the truth of God's Word.

During my time in the United States Marine Corps, I remember thinking about the importance of my commitment and service, and the necessary vigilance required to carry out my responsibilities in order to effectively protect our country from its enemies. I translated this to the spiritual realm and the importance of my stand for God and how it would impact the move of His Word in my areas of responsibility as I stayed faithful and committed.

In my twenty-six years as a Way Corps minister, I have endeavored to carry out each responsibility with love and believing, knowing that I was called of God to carry out His good works. One motivating element that I've endeavored to maintain throughout my service is the importance of faithfulness to see the job through. This has allowed me to see how God has worked mightily in the work produced and the joy and satisfaction in an accomplished work. God keeps providing many open doors to minister as I serve Him faithfully. I will always be grateful to The Way Ministry for introducing me to these great truths of service and for the framework that it provides to live this Word to the best of my ability. And ultimately, only God knows the full impact of our service.

In June 2005, a former president of the United States of America made this statement to a group of soldiers at a military base: "We live in freedom because every generation has produced patriots willing to serve a cause greater than themselves." As God's children, we have been called in this generation to serve a cause greater than ourselves. And that is to live for God and to carry out His purposes. Much has been given us and now much is required of us (Luke 12:48).

God has without a doubt blessed us spiritually above and beyond our expectations, and He promises to supply our every need. How can we do less than to give our best for Him on a daily basis in our service in the things that concern Him? As we keep in remembrance what God has done for us and continue to hold fast to the doctrine of God's Word, we will stay motivated and inspired to serve His Word to others. Consider Psalms 119:93 from The Amplified Bible: "I will never forget Your precepts, [how can I?] for it is by them You have quickened me (granted me life)."

As we stay faithful to God and His Word, fulfilling the good works He has called us to do, we will see God work awesomely.