

Just Do It!

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

God has made us what we are, and in our union with Christ Jesus he has created us for a life of good deeds, which he has already prepared for us to do. Ephesians 2:10 (Good News Translation, 1992)

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God's Word provides principles that believers need to remember so that we can make our lives count, so that we can do something that makes an eternal difference.

- **Principle #1: GOD HAS MADE ALL THE NECESSARY PREPARATIONS FOR YOU TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE.** (See Ephesians 2:10)

How Does God Prepare Believers?

- God gives us resources that are available to every believer: the Bible, the Holy Spirit, and prayer.
- God gives us the necessary natural and spiritual skills/gifts that are needed.

Each one should use whatever gift he has received to serve others, faithfully administering God's grace in its various forms. 1 Peter 4:10 (NIV)

- God gives specific life-opportunities and experiences.

Question: How has God prepared you for good works?

- **Principle #2: EXPRESSING LOVE FOR GOD IS ALL ABOUT OBEDIENCE.**

Jesus replied, "If anyone loves me, he will obey my teaching. My Father will love him, and we will come to him and make our home with him. John 14:23 (NIV)

This is love for God: to obey his commands. 1 John 5:3a (NIV)

Question: To what acts of service or love is God asking you to be obedient?

- **Principle #3: THE LESSONS OF PAIN WILL HELP YOU MAKE A DIFFERENCE.**

Two Primary Reasons Why God Allows Pain

- To increase our faith and dependence upon Him
- To shape our lives and prepare our hearts to minister to others

Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of compassion and the God of all comfort, ⁴who comforts us in all our troubles, so that we can comfort those in any trouble with the comfort we ourselves have received from God. 2 Corinthians 1:3-4 (NIV)

Question: What pain has God allowed in your life to prepare you to help others?

- **Principle #4: GOD HAS GIVEN YOU ALL THE POWER YOU NEED TO DO WHAT HE'S CALLED YOU TO DO.**

Now to him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us, ²¹to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, for ever and ever! Amen. Ephesians 3:20-21 (NIV)

Question: Are you connected to your Power Source—surrendered to Him?

- **Principle #5: PASSION IS NEEDED TO MAKE YOUR LIFE COUNT.**

If we are out of our mind, it is for the sake of God; if we are in our right mind, it is for you. ¹⁴For Christ's love compels us, because we are convinced that one died for all, and therefore all died. 2 Corinthians 5:13-14 (NIV)

Jesus Christ, ¹⁴. . . gave himself for us to redeem us from all wickedness and to purify for himself a people that are his very own, eager to do what is good. Titus 2:13b-14 (NIV)

Question: What are you passionate about?

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