

God Created You to Minister

(based on Chris Fettes' sermon)

Peter's primary audience was Gentile believers who were experiencing trials in their culture , [1Pet 4:7-11](#).

We serve because God says time is short.

[1Pet 4:7-9](#)

- Are you willing to use what God has given you to serve Him?
- Do you realize your time is short?
- Do you continue to ask God how He wants you to serve?
- Do you love Him enough to serve when it's not convenient?
- Are you hospitable when you serve: kind, listening to others, sharing with others, [Mat 22:36-40](#).

We serve to steward God's gifts.

[1Pet 4:10](#)

- Do you realize that God gave you gifts for a purpose?
- Do you understand, that as a steward, you are to use gifts as He desires?
- What keeps you from serving?
 - insecurity
 - wrong priorities
 - lack of understanding
 - lack of conviction
- Do you use your gifts as God directs, [Mat 25:24-27](#)?

We serve to reflect Christ to the world.

[1Pet 4:11](#)

- Do you lean on God to help you use your gifts to reflect Him? (*You are not strong enough on your own.*)
- Do you allow God to use your passions to reflect Him?
- Do you ask God to use you to draw other people to Him?
- Do you understand that Christ-followers are the light of the world, [Mat 5:14-16](#)?

What Do You Reflect?

THE WORLD	CHRIST
<ul style="list-style-type: none">● Busyness● Worldly success● Selfishness● Self-reliance	<ul style="list-style-type: none">● Joy of the Lord● Love● Hospitality● Reliance on God

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