



moving from **CONSUMER** to **PRODUCER**

The Bible says Jesus came to serve. As God's children, made in His image and on a mission to grow His Kingdom, we too were made to serve.

God has gifted all followers with unique and special resources. One of your lifelong goals should be to discover those resources by serving. The act of giving away our time and talents to benefit others becomes a discipline that nurtures our spiritual lives.

Finding a place to serve others is critical--not to them, but to us.

My life is found in giving it away.

Read Romans 12:3-8 then answer the following questions.

Why do you think Paul warns, "Don't think you are better than you really are."?

Which of the gifts listed by Paul in this passage do you relate to? Why?

In his book, "Divine Conspiracy", Dallas Willard says,

Consumer Christians utilize the grace of God for forgiveness and the services of the church for special occasions, but do not give their lives and innermost thoughts, feelings, and intentions over to the kingdom of the heavens. Consumer Christians cheat themselves out of the mystery, power, and transformation God intended for them to experience in life.
(*"Divine Conspiracy"*, p. 342)

Circle the words below (honestly) that best describe your spiritual journey so far:

Consumers

Consumes
Uses wealth
Is served
Focuses on self
Demands "Feed me!"

Producers

Invests
Creates wealth
Serves
Focuses on others
Responds "How may I help you?"

If being a consumer is a "0" and being a producer is a "10", how would you rate your journey at this point in time? Why?

List 5 people you interact with where you live, work, learn, or play.

1.

2.

3.

4.

5.

Go through your list of people above and pray for God to give you an opportunity to serve one of them in the next 24 to 48 hours. Write your prayer below.

How did serving the person make you feel? Share that with a friend or family member.

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Read 1 Peter 4:10-11 then complete the 3-part interactive Bible study.

1. Copy the passage “word for word” from your Bible.

2. Write the passage in "your own words" as if you're telling a friend about it.

3a. Write down what you will do/stop doing as an act of obedience to God's word.

" I will..."

3b. Share with a friend or family member (preferably someone who might not have a personal relationship with Jesus) how this specific passage is impacting you. Or, share what God is doing in your life in general. Write their name below.

If there is anything I have I can't give away, I don't own it; it owns me.

Continue your exploration...

Engage and obey Bible passages from the Consumer to Producer Reading Plan.

- ☐ Luke 12:13-21
- ☐ Luke 8:4-15
- ☐ Romans 12:3-8
- ☐ Luke 19:10-27
- ☐ 1 Peter 4:7-11
- ☐ Galatians 3:26-29
- ☐ 1 Peter 2:1-9
- ☐ Matthew 28:16-20
- ☐ 1 Corinthians 12:1-12

Read “Don’t Waste Your Life” by John Piper.

