

## 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.

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

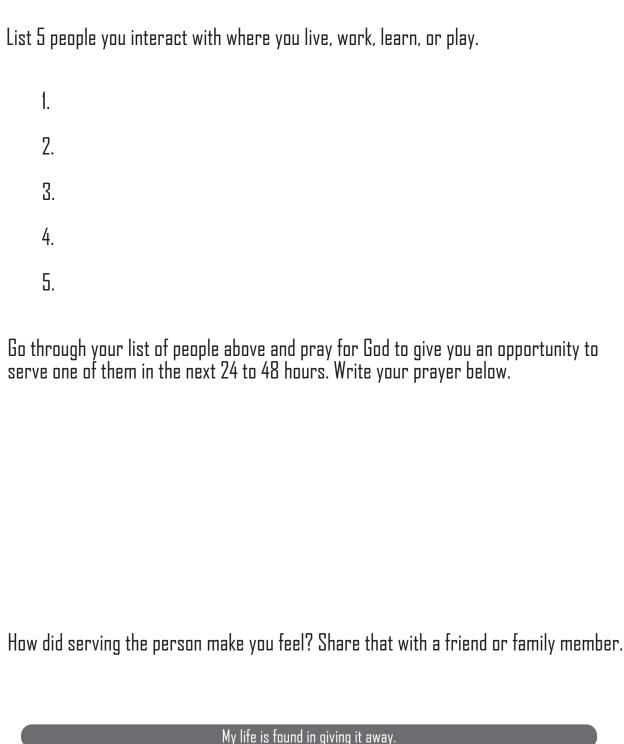
Consumer Christians utilize the grace of God for forgiveness and the services of the church for special occasions, but do not give their lives and innermost thoughts, feelings, and intentions over to the kingdom of the heavens. Consumer Christians cheat themselves out of the mystery, power, and transformation 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:

<u>Consumers</u>	<u>Producers</u>
Consumes	Invests
Uses wealth	Creates wealth
ls served	Serves
Focuses on self	Focuses on others
Demands "Feed me!"	Responds "How may I help you?"

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



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.

