

"Ask Me!"



*“The Lord has made everything for its purpose, even the wicked
for the day of trouble.”*

Proverbs 16:4 (ESV)

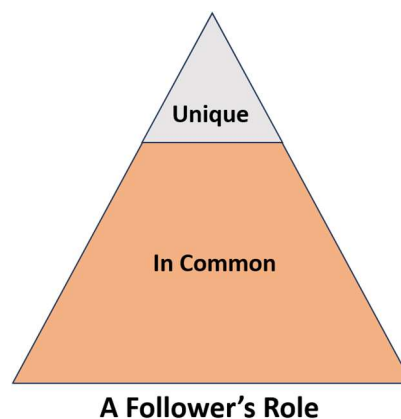
Look at a hammer... it’s clear what it was made to do; a screwdriver, or a tow truck likewise. A hummingbird is working over the beautiful red flowers outside my window... her long beak perfectly suited to reach nectar buried deep within the narrow blooms. All things are created

with a purpose in mind, having attributes tailored to make them especially good at what their creator intended them to do. Why then do we humans, created by God, struggle to grasp, and accept our identities?

I recently heard, “You cannot ask a created thing what it was created for, it cannot know. You must ask its creator.” Perhaps our confusion would clear if we asked God?

Reflect: What did God create me to do?

Each Follower has been created for an eternal Purpose including a finite Mission to advance while behind enemy lines... your vital role in God’s epic story! Notice this – a vast majority of your role is in common with everyone in the Body and explicit in the Bible. For example, all of us are to:



- **Love God, Love Others**

“You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. This is the great and first commandment. And a second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself. Jesus Christ (Matthew 22:37-39)

- **Evangelize, Disciple Others**

“Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you.” Jesus Christ (Matthew 28:19-20)

- **Be Holy**

“As obedient children, do not be conformed to the passions of your former ignorance, but as he who called you is holy, you also be holy in all your conduct...” The Apostle Peter (1 Peter 1:14-15)

Still, no two of us are created alike. Clearly, we each have a “unique” part, over and above our “in common” portion, that only we can play.

“For as in one body we have many members, and the members do not all have the same function, so we, though many, are one body in Christ, and individually members one of another.” The Apostle Paul (Romans 12:4-5)

Though the Bible describes a few general roles, it is not explicit about our individual roles. How do we figure out the unique part of our role then?

Consider: **Have I allowed false selves to corrupt my created uniqueness?**

Could that hummingbird ask itself, “What was I made to do?” and correctly determine it? Certainly, humans are more capable thinkers, but who can know God’s grand plan but God himself? Yet, we shift our

imaginations into high gear in search of answers.

“But, as it is written, ‘What no eye has seen, nor ear heard, nor the heart of man imagined, what God has prepared for those who love him’— these things God has revealed to us through the Spirit.” The Apostle Paul (1 Corinthians 2:9-10)

Ever tried “looking for love in all the wrong places?” Similarly, our inclination is to ask everyone around us (parents, friends, bosses...) Wanting not to disappoint, we adopt other’s expectations as our own. Or we ask ourselves as we subconsciously rehash stories from our past, stories painting pictures that say “I’m not good enough” or I’m not pretty enough” or “I’ll only be a success if I make a lot of money.” Or we turn to the world in search of role models, or engage assessment tools... “This is where I’ll find my answer!”

Sure, other’s observations and assessment tools can contribute, but how could these know your role? Lacking the context of God’s epic story, we create false selves; roles we settle for in attempt to please others, roles that corrupt. Deep inside a battle rages... frustration, stress, depression, regret... What expression might this place on your enemy’s face? On God’s?

Want to end this battle? Can you hear God whispering, “Ask me!”

Imagine: I’m flourishing because I’ve liberated myself to be who God created me to be.

"I've tried asking God... no answers!" you say. Could fear be blocking?

"For am I now seeking the approval of man, or of God? Or am I trying to please man? If I were still trying to please man, I would not be a servant of Christ." The Apostle Paul (Galatians 1:10)

Have you the courage to be who God made you to be? Do you truly want to be greatly used in God's epic story?

"I appeal to you therefore, brothers, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship." The Apostle Paul (Romans 12:1)

Surrender! Accept God's design for your life... it's liberating! Gather results from your assessments, input from trusted people who are 100% for you, then close yourself in a quiet place and listen for God whispering...

"Ask Me!"

Go off the grid and ask these questions:

Coach's Questions

- What fear is forcing me to live out a false self? What promise of God does this contradict?

- What must I do to surrender this fear to God?
- When will I close myself in a quiet place so I can ask God, “What did you create me to do?”

Spirit Talk

Post this where you will see it regularly.

Surrender, then ask God.

“If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be done for you.”

Jesus Christ | John 15:7 (ESV)



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