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Matthew 20:28, Mark 10:45 (NIV) ...the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many."

Luke 22:27 (NIV)

27 For who is greater, the one who is at the table or the one who serves? Is it not the one who is at the table? But I am among you as one who serves.

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We must raise up a generation that is more on fire than we are!

**Created for ministry** 

**Ephesians 2:10 (NIV)** 

10 For we are God's handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do.

Gifted for ministry

1 Peter 4:10 (NIV)

10 Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God's grace in its various forms.

**Authorized for ministry Matthew 28:18–20 (NIV)** 

18 Then Jesus came to them and said, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. 19 Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit,

20 and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age."

Commanded to minister Matthew 20:26-28 (NIV) 26 Not so with you. Instead, whoever wants to become great among you must be your servant, 27 and whoever wants to be first must be your slave— 28 just as the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a

ransom for many."

**Prepared for ministry** Ephesians 4:11–12 (NIV) 11 So Christ Himself gave the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, the pastors and teachers, 12 to equip His people for works of service, so that the body of Christ may be built up

**Needed for ministry** 

Roman's 12:4-8 (NIV)

4 For just as each of us has one body with many members, and these members do not all have the same function, 5 so in Christ we, though many, form one body, and each member belongs to all the others.

6 We have different gifts, according to the grace given to each of us. If your gift is prophesying, then prophesy in accordance with your faith;

7 if it is serving, then serve; if it is teaching, then teach;

8 if it is to encourage, then give encouragement; if it is giving, then give generously; if it is to lead, do it diligently; if it is to show mercy, do it cheerfully.

**1Timothy 1:12 (NIV)** 

12 I thank Christ Jesus our Lord, who has given me strength, that he considered me trustworthy, appointing me to his service.