

**DAY 29**

# **ACCEPTING YOUR ASSIGNMENT**

**“For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works,  
which God prepared beforehand that we should walk in them.”**

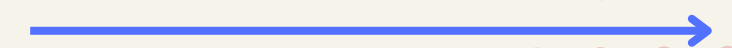
**Ephesians 2:10**

**“If I have no love for others, no desire to serve others, I should question whether Christ is really in my life.”**

So, what exactly is my assignment?

- God has created us with a purpose:
  - to make a difference on this earth.
  - to add to life on earth and not just take from it.

Ministry is the purpose for which God created us.



# I. WE WERE CREATED TO SERVE GOD

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**We were created to;**

- to serve God
- live a life of **good deeds**

**Therefore, when we  
serve others, we are also  
serving God.**

I have glorified You on the earth. I have finished the work which You have given Me to do.

John 17:4

# 2. WE WERE SAVED TO SERVE GOD

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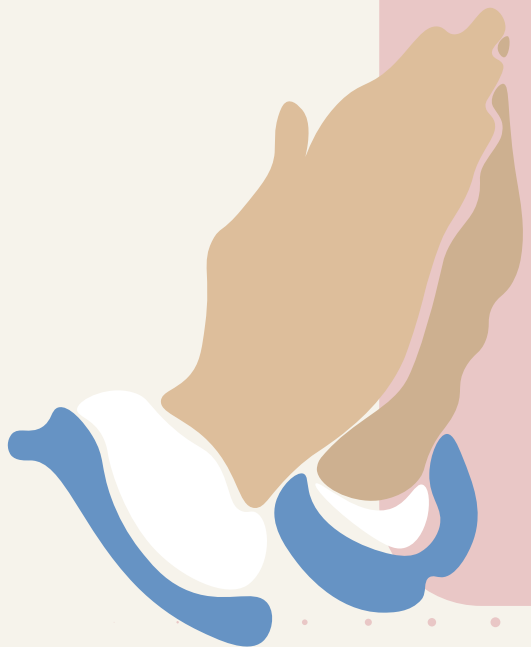
## Is service our ticket to heaven?

- we were not saved by service, we were saved for service
- “You will know them by their fruits.” Matthew 7:16

## Why do we serve God?

- God sent His only son to die for our sins; Jesus paid the ultimate price
- God forgave the sins of our past; God gives our present meaning; God secured our future
- We owe Him everything

Why should we serve God?



# 3. WE ARE CALLED TO SERVE GOD

## ● We should be full-time Christians

- we were chosen to use our God-given abilities to help others
- serving others should be an automatic reaction

## ● Our role in the church

- No matter our position at church, we are all one.
- Every service counts even if it is small.

# 4. WE ARE COMMANDED TO SERVE GOD

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We are all Ministers of the church

- We are all one
- God gave us all the same assignment
- If you are a Christian, you are a minister, and when you're serving, you're ministering

The Dead Sea vs. the Sea of Galilee

serving is not optional

- we must complete our assignment
- defines our life on Earth

“Holy living consists in doing God’s work with a smile.” - Mother Teresa



# SIGNIFICANCE OF SERVICE

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At the end of our lives, we will stand before God to be judged

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Jesus leaves us on this fallen world to fulfill his purpose for us

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**Service** prepares us for eternal life and adds real significance to our lives on Earth

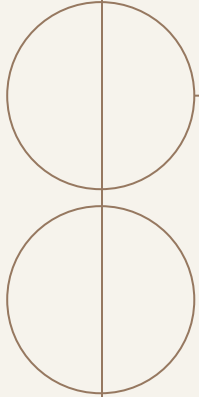
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Jesus is in all of us and He is our role model




# Shaped for Serving God

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Every creature on Earth has a unique purpose shaped by God. Humans are no exception; each of us is especially designed for specific tasks.

- Before our existence, God determines our purpose and shapes us accordingly.
- Our lives are carefully orchestrated by God for His divine purpose.



## YOUR SHAPE:

**Spiritual gifts** - God provides us with unique and special abilities for service.

**Heart** - Our passions and desires mirror God's calling.

**Abilities** - God blesses us with skills to fulfill our purpose.

**Personality** - Our distinct characteristics influence how we serve God.

**Experience** - God utilizes our life encounters to shape us for our ministry.

## SHAPE: Unwrapping Your Spiritual Gifts

### Importance of Spiritual Gifts:

- Important for effectively serving God and others.
- Demonstrates God's grace towards us and His generosity.
- Benefits both the individual and the community around them.

### Pitfalls to Avoid:

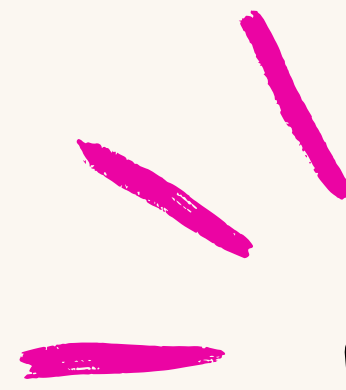
- **Gift-envy:** where individuals compare their own gifts with others.
- **Gift projection:** when individuals expect everyone to have the same gifts and passions they do.



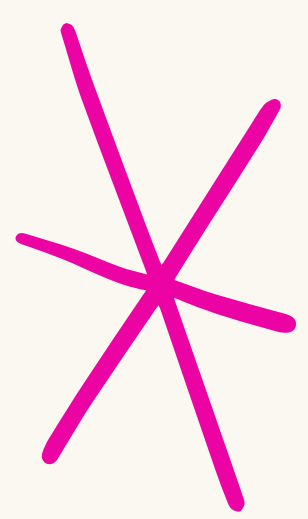
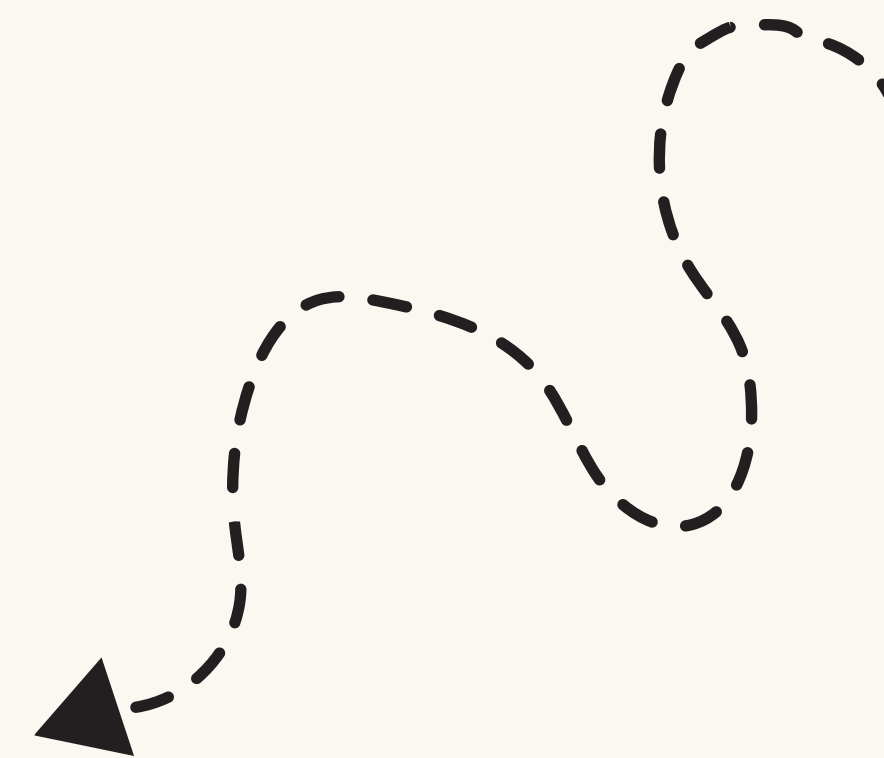
## **SHAPE:** *Listening to Your Heart*

- Heart includes desires, hopes, ambitions and affections.
- Your heart reveals your authentic self.
- God has purposefully instilled in each and everyone of us specific interests and passions.
- Learn to align service with natural interests.





# Understanding YOUR SHAPE

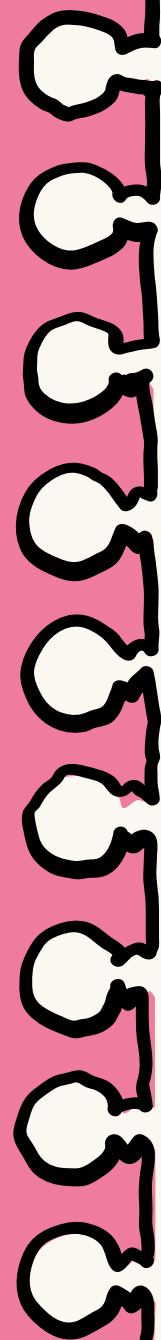
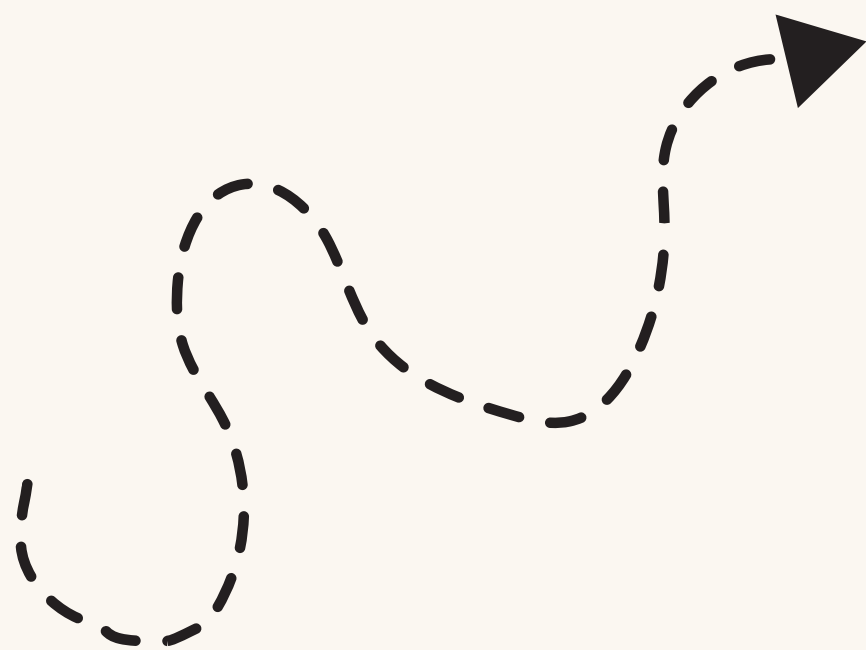


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# Purpose

- God has uniquely shaped and designed each person for a specific purpose and ministry.



▶ Understanding our shape is crucial to fulfilling our purpose....



# SHAPE

Spiritual Gifts



Heart



Abilities

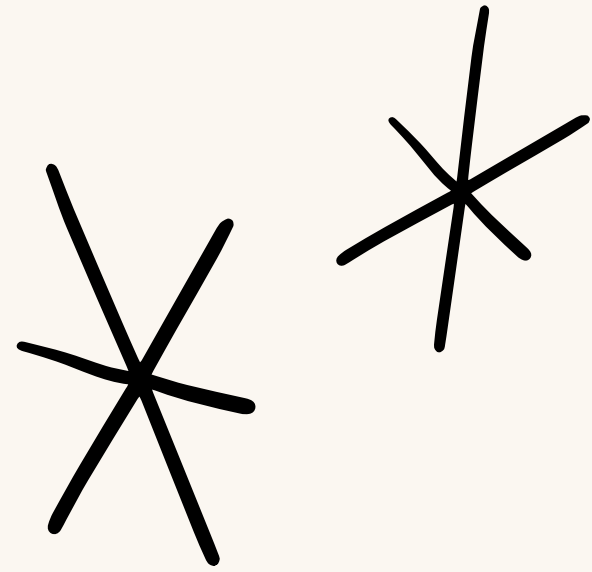


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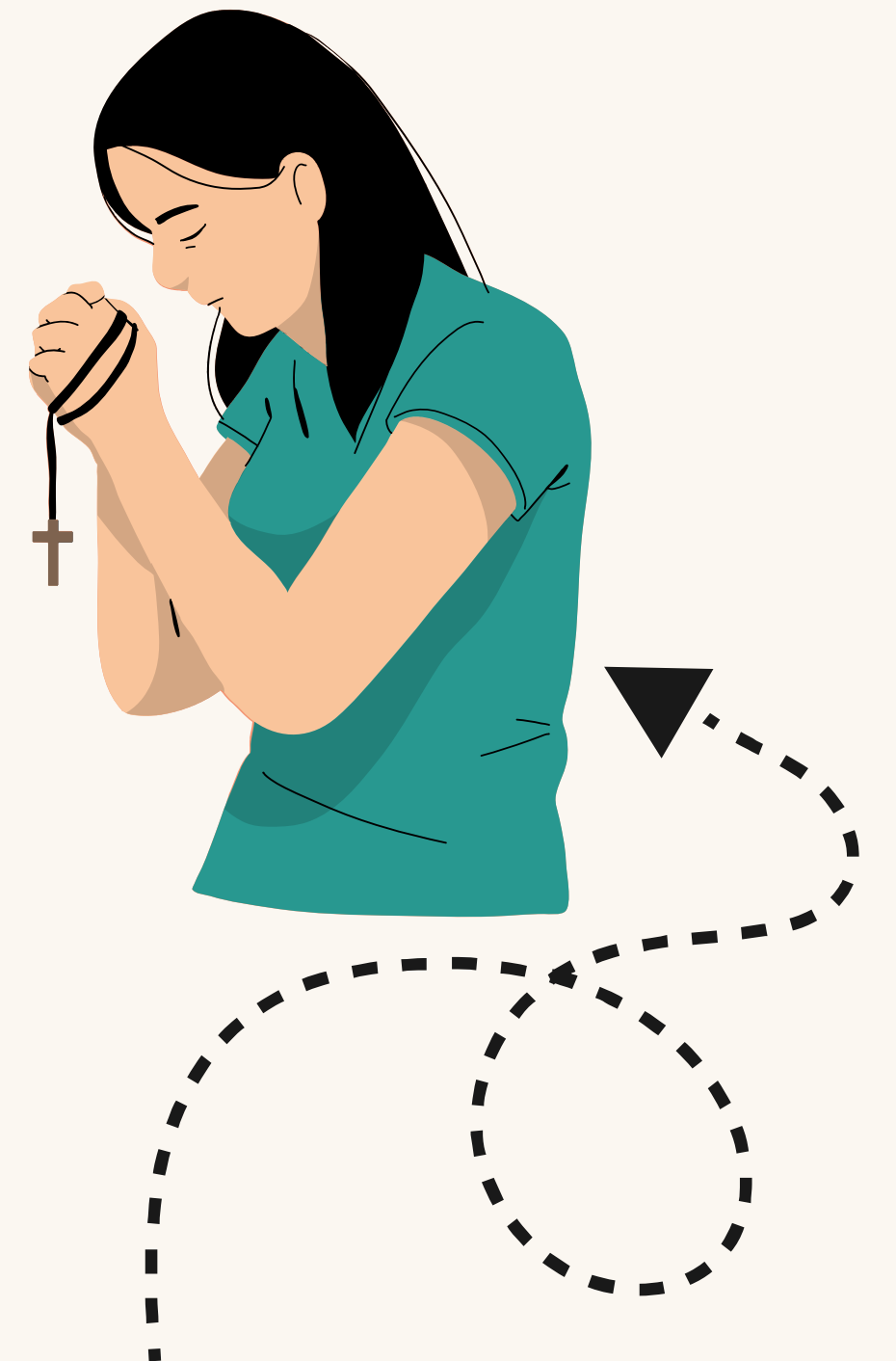


Experience





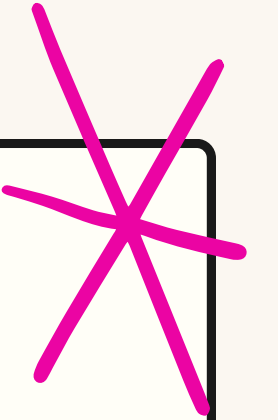
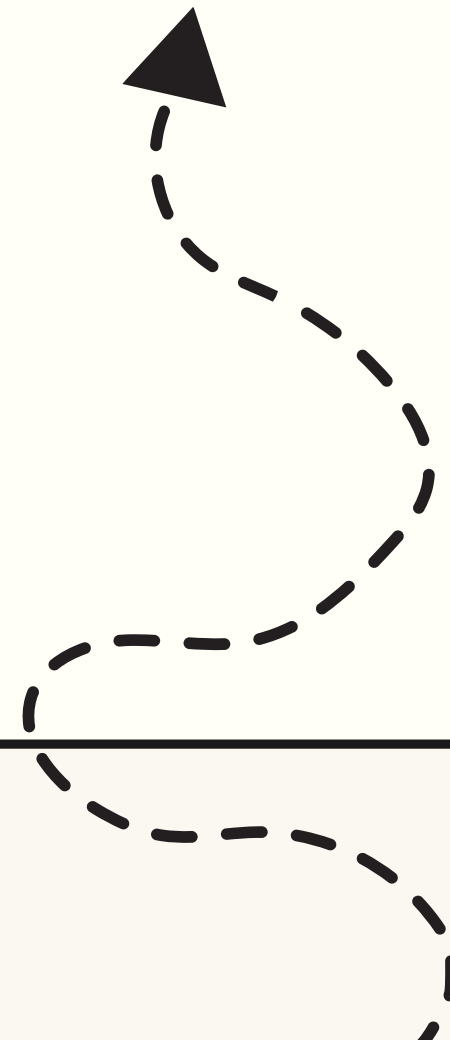
- **Abilities**
- **Personality**
- **Experiences**



# UNDERSTANDING OUR SHAPE



**Aligning ourselves with God's plan**





**Self-Awareness**

**Embracing Individuality**

**Purposeful Living**

**Exploration and Experimentation**

**Service-Oriented Mindset**

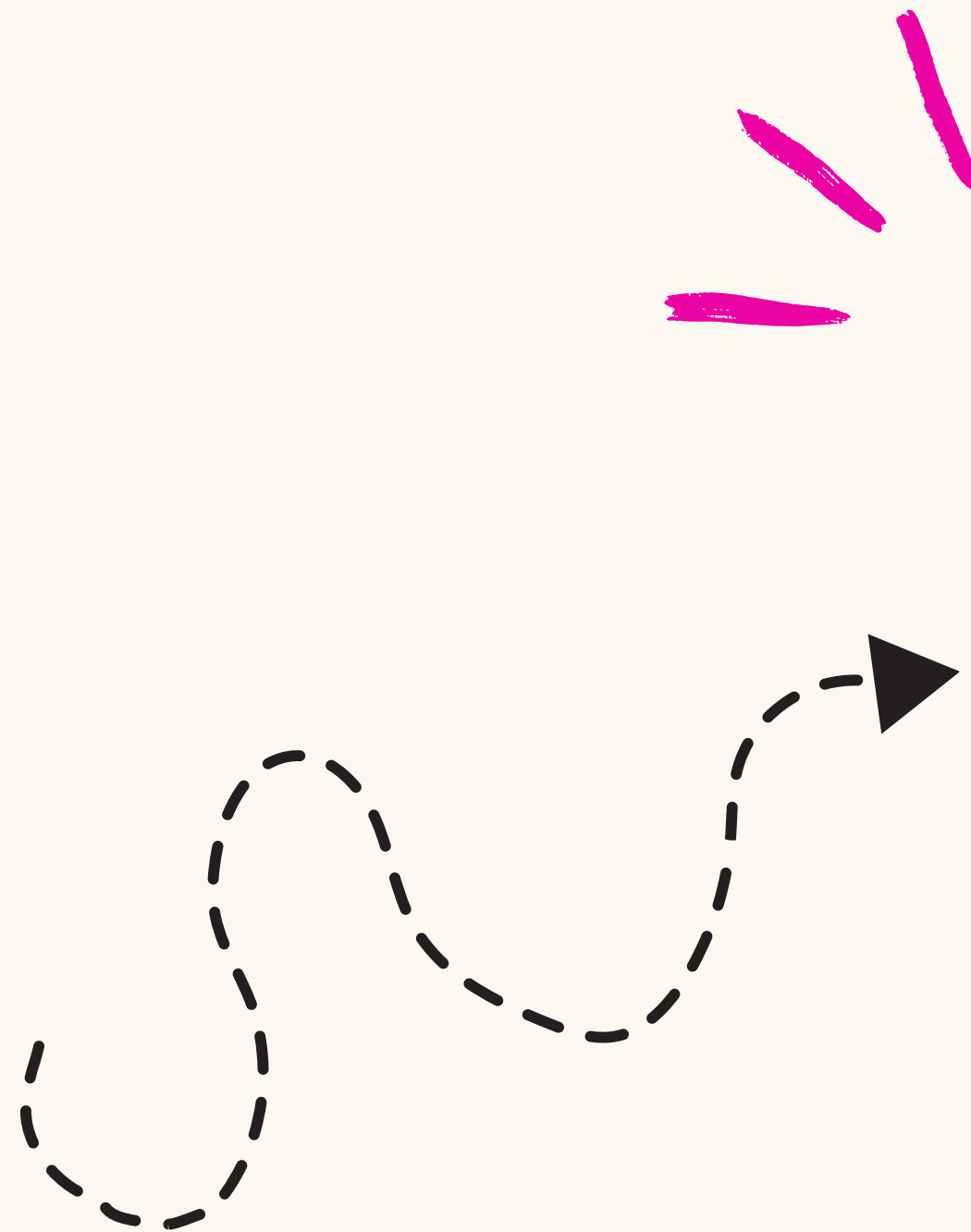
**Seeking Guidance**



**CONCLUSIONS**

**SERVING OTHERS  
AND  
LIVING WITH PURPOSE**

THANK  
YOU!



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Using What God  
Gave YOU

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# STEP 1: ASSESSING YOUR GIFTS AND ABILITIES

- Retreat
- Honestly and earnestly, but try not to standardize



“Make a careful exploration of who you are and the work you have been given, then sink yourself into that”

Galatians 6:4-5

# STEP 2 EXAMINE EXPERIENCES & FIND LESSONS



- Only can we look back on those times and see the true meaning in our lives
- So don't be afraid to try different variations within your limits

Deuteronomy 11:2-7

# STEP 3 ACCEPTANCE



- Your uniqueness has been by God for his will, not the will of ourselves or of any other man
- Accept where you have chosen to be
- Know your boundaries

Romans 12:6-8

# STEP 4 STRENGTHEN THE GIFT

- We cultivate our gifts and make the most of what He gives us to use
- When we stop, we lose focus
- In heaven, we will be serving God forever



Be diligent to present yourself approved to God, a worker who does not need to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth.

2 Timothy 2:15