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Finding My Fit: A Place for Me! Part 1

*“For we are God’s handiwork,
created in Christ Jesus to do good works,
which God prepared in advance for us to do.”*
Ephesians 2:10

A. We are God’s handiwork...

1. We are God’s masterpiece!
“You made all the delicate, inner parts of my body and knit me together in my mother’s womb. Thank you for making me so wonderfully complex! Your workmanship is marvelous—how well I know it.”
Psalm 139:13-14 NLT
2. We are created in the image of God!
“Then God said, ‘Let us make human beings in our image, to be like us’...So God created human beings in his own image. In the image of God he created them...”
Genesis 1:26-27
3. God gives us life and existence!
“For in him we live and move and exist. As some of your own poets have said, ‘We are his offspring.’”
Acts 17:28
4. And everyone that God created is very good!
“Then God looked over all he had made, and he saw that it was very good!” Genesis 1:31a

B. Created in Christ Jesus to do good works...

1. When we give our lives to Christ, we become a new creation!
“This means that anyone who belongs to Christ has become a new person. The old life is gone; a new life has begun!” 1 Corinthians 5:17
2. God has a special purpose and plan for each of our lives.

“Those who cleanse themselves from the latter will be instruments for special purposes, made holy, useful to the Master and prepared to do any good work.” 2 Timothy 2:21

3. God will empower us to do anything He asks us to do!

*“for it is God who works in you to will and to act in order to fulfill his good **purpose**.”* Philippians 2:13

4. God will always finish what He starts in our lives.

““The LORD will work out his plans for my life—for your faithful love, O LORD, endures forever.” Psalm 138:8a

“And I am certain that God, who began the good work within you, will continue his work until it is finally finished on the day when Christ Jesus returns.” Philippians 1:6

C. God has prepared ahead of time...

1. God had a plan for us before we were born.
“I knew you before I formed you in your mother’s womb. Before you were born I set you apart and appointed you as my prophet to the nations.”
Jeremiah 1:5
2. God had a detailed plan and purpose for our lives from the very beginning.
“You saw me before I was born. Every day of my life was recorded in your book. Every moment was laid out before a single day had passed.” Psalm 139:16
3. God designed work that matches our gifts and our person.
“Be honest in your evaluation of yourselves, measuring yourselves by the faith God has given us.” Romans 12:3b
4. God desires for us to keep pace with His Spirit to guide us in our choices.

“Since we are living by the Spirit, let us follow the Spirit’s leading in every part of our lives.” Galatians 5:25

D. God calls us to get busy...

1. We are all part of one body.
“Now you are the body of Christ, and each one of you is a part of it.” 1 Corinthians 12:27
2. We are all equipped with exactly what we need to accomplish His plan and purpose.
“But our bodies have many parts, and God has put each part just where he wants it.” 1 Corinthians 12:18
3. We all work together.
“I planted the seed in your hearts, and Apollos watered it, but it was God who made it grow. It’s not important who does the planting, or who does the watering. What’s important is that God makes the seed grow. The one who plants and the one who waters work together with the same purpose. And both will be rewarded for their own hard work.”
1 Corinthians 3:6-8
4. So...don’t waste today!
“See to it, brothers and sisters, that none of you has a sinful, unbelieving heart that turns away from the living God. But encourage one another daily, as long as it is called ‘Today’, so that none of you may be hardened by sin’s deceitfulness.” Hebrews 3:12-13

“Holy living consists in doing God's work with a smile.” –Mother Theresa

“God is ready to assume full responsibility for the life wholly yielded to Him.” - Andrew Murray