

“The two most important days in your life are the day you are born and the day you find out why.” - Mark Twain

Then God said, “Let us make mankind in our image, in our likeness, so that they may rule over the fish in the sea and the birds in the sky, over the livestock and all the wild animals, and over all the creatures that move along the ground.” So God created mankind in his own image, in the image of God he created them; male and female he created them. God blessed them and said to them, “Be fruitful and increase in number; fill the earth and subdue it. Rule over the fish in the sea and the birds in the sky and over every living creature that moves on the ground.” Then God said, “I give you every seed-bearing plant on the face of the whole earth and every tree that has fruit with seed in it. They will be yours for food. And to all the beasts of the earth and all the birds in the sky and all the creatures that move along the ground—everything that has the breath of life in it—I give every green plant for food.” And it was so. God saw all that he had made, and it was very good. And there was evening, and there was morning—the sixth day.
Genesis 1:26-31 (NIV)

GOD CARES ABOUT MY WORK BECAUSE:

1. I AM MADE IN HIS IMAGE

Then God said, “Let us make mankind in our image, in our likeness...”
Genesis 1:26 (NIV)

2. I HAVE A PURPOSE IN HIS STORY

*Then God said, “Let us make mankind in our image, in our likeness, so that **they may rule** over the fish in the sea and the birds in the sky, over the livestock and all the wild animals, and over all the creatures that move along the ground.”*
Genesis 1:26 (NIV)

Jesus called them together and said, “You know that the rulers of the Gentiles lord it over them, and their high officials exercise authority over them. Not so with you. Instead, whoever wants to become great among you must be your servant, and whoever wants to be first must be your slave— 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.”
Matthew 20:25-28 (NIV)

*To the elders among you, I appeal as a fellow elder and a witness of Christ’s sufferings who also will share in the glory to be revealed: Be shepherds of God’s flock that is under your care, watching over them—not because you must, but because you are willing, as God wants you to be; not pursuing dishonest gain, but eager to serve; **not lording it over those entrusted to you, but being examples to the flock.***

1 Peter 5:1-3 (NIV)

As a prisoner for the Lord, then, I urge you to live a life worthy of the calling you have received. Be completely humble and gentle; be patient, bearing with one another in love. Make every effort to keep the unity of the Spirit through the bond of peace.

Ephesians 4:1-3 (NIV)

Two words:

1. **Gratitude**
2. **Faithful**

If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness.

1 John 1:9 (NIV)

In the same way, the Spirit helps us in our weakness. We do not know what we ought to pray for, but the Spirit himself intercedes for us through wordless groans. And he who searches our hearts knows the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for God’s people in accordance with the will of God.

Romans 8:26-27 (NIV)

3. HE HAS COMMANDED BLESSING OVER ME

*So God created mankind **in his own image... male and female** he created them... **“Be fruitful and increase in number...Rule over** the fish in the sea and the birds in the sky and over every living creature that moves on the ground.”...Then God said, “I give you every seed-bearing plant on the face of the whole earth and every tree that has fruit with seed in it. **They will be yours for food.**”*
Genesis 1:26-29 (NIV)

*“Meanwhile his disciples urged him, “Rabbi, eat something.”
But he said to them, “I have food to eat that you know nothing about.”
Then his disciples said to each other, “Could someone have brought him food?”
“**My food,**” said Jesus, **“is to do the will of him who sent me and to finish his work.”***
John 4:31-34 (NIV)