

# The Senior Connection

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Loving Life — Loving God — Loving Others

**Psalm 84:10 Better is one day in your courts than a thousand elsewhere; I would rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God than dwell in the tents of the wicked.**

There are many scriptures that I dearly love, but this odd little verse is probably my life scripture. It happened back when our church was in the YWCA building next to the train station. We shared a multi-purpose room with other groups. Every Sunday Morning, several of us would show up an hour early to pray and as we walked and prayed, we put the room in order for service. After service, we had to take our things and put them back in a closet. It was a little thing, but it met a need. That is what God wants from us, to see a need and meet it. That was when I found this scripture. Although, I was over 30 and had been in church all of my life, I felt like a very unnecessary part of the body. I was very shy, very insecure, did not sing or teach, or do anything "IMPORTANT". I think you know what I mean. Before this time, I was simply a seat warmer, I came to church and I went home. I did not put into practice the word that I had heard. The word of God does not say that anyone of us is more important than another, neither is the work that we are called to do for Christ. Look at the letterhead of this newsletter. I think it pretty much says it all. We are to love the life He has given us, even on days when it is hard. We are to love Him. That has a two-fold meaning, as we not only love Him, for who He is, but also by loving others, we love and serve Him. Now when I use the term "doorkeeper in the house of God", that does (page 3)

(from page 1) not mean that it is only things done in God's house. The Bible says in 2 Corinthians 6:16 "For we are the temple of the living God. As God has said, "I will live with them and walk among them, and I will be their God, and they will be my people. We are to serve Him everywhere we are, and in all situations we find ourselves in. By the way, God does not have an early retirement plan, but you have to admit that the plan He has is "Out of This World". Jeremiah 29:11 "For I know the plans I have for you," declares the Lord, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you." With great joy, we serve him every day for all of our lives. It might be a smile, an encouraging word, a prayer, picking up trash, telling someone about Jesus, telling them that they are loved, or something in the way of a handout or a hand up. God has purpose for each of us. In this pandemic, it has been easy to lose our purpose. The year is moving on fast, but I do not want to wait until next year to get us moving. We are still working on plans to have Rev. James Dodd come to be with us for a Sunday Service and lunch. Summers get busy and scheduling has not been easy. God has a good plan and we believe him to bring it together at just the right time.

For this next season, I believe that God would have us spend some time reflecting on what good work (PURPOSE) God has for each us. And remember the purpose may change from day to day, or hour to hour. We may feel broken, useless and defeated, but that means nothing to God. For as long as we have life and breath, God is still at work in us. Do you remember the story of the potter, God can take a broken pot and remake it for his use and His purpose. He desire to use us, ordinary, everyday people to fulfill His plans and purposes.

Will you begin now to seek God? Find your purpose. Find a place, meet a need. The world seems very evil and sad. The enemy wants us to give up, but we live and serve the King of Kings. We will not be defeated. Our God is alive and well.