

Loved and Wired for Service

“We are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them” – Ephesians 2:10 Can you get fresh coffee out of a toaster? No! How about cold milk from the oven? Ridiculous! Will a car launder your clothing? Preposterous! Toasters are made for browning bread and bagels. Ovens are wired to heat, not cool. And your best bet for clean laundry is a washing machine. It was created just for that purpose. How something is invented, wired, or created determines how it works. How something is invented, wired, or created determines its purpose. Simple, right? Well what about you? What were you created –uniquely-to do? To find the answer, you first need to ask the right questions. Who created you? God did. How did he do that? Your Lord called you into being with gentle, but purposeful intent: “You formed my inward parts; you knitted me together in my mother’s womb.” – Psalm 139:13 This passage makes one thing clear: our Creator uses no cookie cutters, no assembly lines. We are “formed,” “knitted,” one-of-a-kind creations. So what is it that God has fashioned you to do? Think about your relationships. Are you a neighbor, friend, daughter, son, sister, brother, mother, or father? Think about your personality. Are you wired to be an understanding listener or an objective thinker or the good-natured, quick-with-a-joke co-worker everyone invites to parties? Think about your talents. Has God designed you to be an inquisitive scientist? A cordial customer-relations expert? A sensitive counselor? Ephesians 2:10 describes the purposes God has in mind for you. Read it again –aloud and slowly. Wow! We are created for service – good works. Our Creator has had these specific things in mind just for us since the day he called us into being! Our works of service are not our own. They, too, have become God’s workmanship-his work-through our willing, serving hands. What’s more, there’s this: “He who began a good work in you will bring it to completion at the day of Jesus Christ” – Philipians 1:6. Donald