

What Gets in the Way?

What gets in your way of serving God as he planned for you to do?

I don't have the ability.

*Now it is God who makes both us and you stand firm in Christ. He anointed us,
2 Corinthians 1:21*

I don't want to do it because it is too hard.

I can do all things through Christ who gives me strength. Philippians 4:13

I don't know how to do it?

If any of you lacks wisdom, he should ask God, who gives generously to all without finding fault, and it will be given to him. James 1:5

I am lazy.

*The way of the sluggard is blocked with thorns, but the path of the upright is a highway.
Proverbs 15:19*

One who is slack in his work is brother to one who destroys. Proverbs 18:9

Others will make fun of me if I do it.

Jesus said to him, "Away from me, Satan! For it is written: 'Worship the Lord your God, and serve him only.'" Matthew 4:10

I am afraid to do it.

They will be like a tree planted by the water that sends out its roots by the stream. It does not fear when heat comes; its leaves are always green. It has no worries in a year of drought and never fails to bear fruit." Jeremiah 17:8

I'd rather serve myself.

The seed that fell among thorns stands for those who hear, but as they go on their way they are choked by life's worries, riches and pleasures, and they do not mature. Luke 8:14

There are other things more important than serving God.

The ordinances of the LORD are sure and altogether righteous. They are more precious than gold, than much pure gold; they are sweeter than honey, than honey from the comb. Psalm 19:8-10

I seek you with all my heart; do not let me stray from your commands. Psalm 119:10

Things to talk about:

1. Are any of these reasons holding you back from living God's purpose for you?
2. What are those reasons?
3. What could you do to serve God better?