

Equipped to Serve Part 1

- **Ephesians 2:10 For we are God's handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do.**
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 - **Created in Christ Jesus**
 - **To do Good works**
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We are Equipped!

Hebrews 13:20-21 May the God of peace, who through the blood of the eternal covenant brought back from the dead our Lord Jesus, that great Shepherd of the sheep, equip you with everything good for doing his will, and may he work in us what is pleasing to him, through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory for ever and ever. Amen.

- **The God of Peace...the Great Shepherd...Equips us**
 - **He does not expect us to do the job without the proper equipment**
 - **He equips us - "With everything good"**
- **Another instance where God refers to Himself as the Great Shepherd of the Sheep in this context**
 - **The Shepherd is a picture of guidance and direction - Of care and concern and provision...**
 - **The Shepherd knows what the Sheep needs - better than they know themselves**

Too many times we focus on our own deficiencies and flaws, which allows fear and doubt to creep in.

- **Which keeps us from doing what God has already equipped us to do.**
- **You already have what you need otherwise God wouldn't ask.**

1 Samuel 17

David was equipped to kill a giant!

If you will just do the small things you will find yourself killing giants along the way.

- **Just follow directions**
- **Be willing to obey the shepherd**

28 When Eliab, David's oldest brother, heard him speaking with the men, he burned with anger at him and asked, "Why have you come down here? And with whom did you leave those few sheep in the

wilderness?

- ***David's own brother didn't believe in him.***
- ***He didn't believe he was equipped for the job.***
- ***Its not all about ability, it is about availability!!***