The pandemic raised awareness about purpose in life. A LifeWay poll asked the question, “How often do you wonder: ‘How can I find more meaning and purpose in my life?’” Although 23% answered “Never,” 57% noted that question comes to mind daily, weekly, or monthly. Scott McConnell, executive director of LifeWay Research, said, “During COVID-19 many experiences, pleasures, and metrics of success became irrelevant overnight. It is not surprising that more people thought about their purpose and what matters in life.” To those who wonder if *church*es will ever again fill up, take note, the majority of Americans are looking for purpose that only Christ can give. ( *SBTexan, May 2021, p.3* )

Ten words that describe ‘church people.’ : (Romans 12.3-18)

1.  HUMILITY (3)

2.  DIVERSITY (4)

3.  UNITY (5)

4.  MINISTRY (6-8)

5.  FAMILY (9-10)

6.  FERVENCY (11-12)

7.  HOSPITALITY (13)

8.  CHARITY (14-16)

9.  INTEGRITY (17)

10.  SERENITY (18)

Abraham Lincoln stated, “I like to see a man proud of the place in which he lives. I like to see a man live so that his place will be proud of **him**.” May that be the ambition we have for our family, country, church, and Lord. ( *Mature Living, July 2013, p.33* )

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We are ***going to take up another offering*** this morning. The Bible says,

“*Present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God; this is your true worship*” (Rom 12.1-2 ). Yep. Have **you** put **YOURSELF** in God’s offering plate? Have you committed your whole life to Hiim? It’s like the Hokey Pokey; you have to put ***your WHOLE SELF*** in.

My old pastor used to ask it this way, “Are you saved and do you ***know*** it; are you saved and do you ***show*** it?”

If you have never committed your life to Christ, if He is speaking to you, drawing you by His Spirit, you can do that right now. If the Lord is speaking to you right now, you need to respond.

It is time to say, “Yes. Lord.” Just step out & come down the aisle, and I will help you.