



Serve Through Grace

Meaningful Membership - Part 7

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Big Idea: I will discover the talents and spiritual gifts God has given me and I will serve in at least one ministry through the auspices of Grace Fellowship.

Text: Selected Scriptures

I. THE REALITY OF SPIRITUAL GIFTS, TALENTS AND ABILITIES.

For it is just like a man about to go on a journey, who called his own slaves, and entrusted his possessions to them. And to one he gave five talents, to another, two, and to another, one, each according to his own ability; and he went on his journey. Immediately, the one who had received the five talents went and traded with them, and gained five more talents. In the same manner, the one who had received the two talents gained two more. But he who received the one talent went away and dug a hole in the ground and hid his master's money.

– Matthew 25:14-18 {NASB}

The Lord distributed the gifts _____.

The Lord gives His talents _____.

“For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many.” – Mark 10:45

1. What are my _____ **?**

Just as each of us has one body with many members, and these members do not all have the same function, so in Christ we who are many form one body, and each member belongs to all the others. We have different gifts, according to the grace given us. – Romans 12:4-6a

2. What are my _____ **, or what have I learned to do?**

As each one has received a *special* gift, employ it in serving one another, as good stewards of the manifold grace of God. Whoever speaks, *let him speak*, as it were, the utterances of God; whoever serves, *let him do so* as by the strength which God supplies; so that in all things God may be glorified through Jesus Christ, to whom belongs the glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen. – 1 Peter 4:10-11 {NASB}

3. What are my _____?

4. What _____?

II. THE RESULTS OF SPIRITUAL GIFTS, TALENTS AND ABILITIES.

A. The first benefit is that *the church* _____.

B. The second benefit is that *you personally* _____.

Do not think of yourself more highly than you ought, but rather think of yourself with sober judgment, in accordance with the measure of faith God has given you. – Romans 12:3b

MEMORY VERSE

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