

"A PLACE WHERE I CAN SERVE THE BEST"

Series: "BETTER TOGETHER", Part 2 of 2

Sunday, November 19, 2023, at 9:00 & 11:00 AM

Text: Selected Scriptures

Big Idea: The church community is perhaps the only group on earth that does not ultimately exist for the sake of its own members.

Matthew 25:14-18, "Again, it will be like a man going on a journey, who called his servants and entrusted his property to them. To one he gave five talents of money, to another two talents, and to another one talent, each according to his ability. Then he went on his journey. The man who had received the five talents went at once and put his money to work and gained five more. So also, the one with the two talents gained two more. But the man who had received the one talent went off, dug a hole in the ground and hid his master's money."

Salvation question
Stewardship question

I. WHAT QUESTIONS ARE HELPFUL IN DISCOVERING WHERE I CAN SERVE THE BEST?

A. What are my God-given spiritual gifts?

Romans 12:4-6a, "Just as each of us has one body with many members, and these members do not all have the same function, 5 so in Christ we who are many form one body, and each member belongs to all the others. 6 We have different gifts, according to the grace given us."

B. What skills have I acquired?

1 Peter 4:10-11 (NASB), "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."

C. What passions and desires has God put in my soul?

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D. What practical needs do I see around me?

God doesn't call the qualified. He qualifies the called!

II. WHAT GOALS DOES GOD HAVE IN MIND?

- A. For His church to be built up.
- B. For me, as an individual, to flourish.

Mark 10:45, "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."

Luke 14:12-14, "Then Jesus said to his host, "When you give a luncheon or dinner, do not invite your friends, your brothers or relatives, or your rich neighbors; if you do, they may invite you back and so you will be repaid. But when you give a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, the blind, and you will be blessed. Although they cannot repay you, you will be repaid at the resurrection of the righteous."