

Lesson 2: Serve God

OBJECTIVE: For you as a disciple to serve in a ministry using your gifts to glorify God and minister to the body of Christ

***The Number 2 characteristic of a Mt. Sinai Disciple is to serve God.**

Christians serve God by simply using their spiritual gifts.

INTRODUCTION: Let's study what it means as a disciple of Christ to use one's gift in the ministry of the church:

First, hear the call and voice of God speak to you about an area of ministry.

Second, what do you have the heartfelt passion and energy to do that would allow you to serve and make a difference?

Third, disciples serve out of the relationship they have with Jesus Christ in order to help build the Kingdom of God.

**The Question: What Is God Calling you to do? Where is God calling you to serve?
Where is God asking and revealing to you to employ your gift in ministry?**

1 Peter 4:10 (KJV)

**As every man hath received the gift, even so minister the same one to another,
as good stewards of the manifold grace of God.**

___ Is your enthusiasm driving you to follow God's call?

___ Does it motivate you to want to see people helped who may be hurting or in need?

I. Serve Based on Spiritual Gift

Scripture References: I Corinthians 12:7 & Ephesians 4:12

Why did God give gifts to the church?

Scriptures:

- a. I Corinthians 12:4** - God has given to the church unique gifts that are to be used in many ways.
- b. I Corinthians 12:11** - Spiritual gifts are part of God's design for a person's life and the church.
- c. I Corinthians 12:12 & 26** - Every member of the congregation is important to accomplishing the mission and purpose of the church.
- d. I Corinthians 12:18:** The church grows through the power of the Holy Spirit. And it functions best when all of its members find their place of service.

Characteristics of an **MSMBC DISCIPLE**

Questions:

- a. Do you think every member's gift is important in the church?
- b. Do you have the confidence and faith that your gifts along with others will help grow the church?

What is your passion? Your passion is a partner to your spiritual gift. Whatever you are passionate about doing can be converted into a ministry.

List 2-3 passions within your life.

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____

II. Learn Your Spiritual Gift

Romans 12:6-8	I Corinthians 12	Ephesians 4	I Peter 4:10-11
Prophecy	Wisdom	Apostleship	Various unnamed
Service	Knowledge	Prophecy	Speaking
Teaching	Faith	Evangelism	Serving
Encouraging	Healing	Pastoring	
Giving	Miracles	Teaching	
Leading	Prophecy		
Showing Mercy	Discernment of spirits		
	Tongues		
	Interpretation of tongues		
	Apostleship		
	Teaching		
	Helping Others		
	Administration		

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A. The Importance of a Gift

Which gifts are important to you? The gift that is important is the one God has for you. You must find that gift or pattern of gifts and develop them to the maximum.

Which gifts are important to the church?

Members should function in the way God designed for the gifts to function. The Spirit's desire is that every member function to accomplish His purposes. All members can only function effectively when they are fully using their gifts.

B. Read I Cor. 12 – 14

We must note that Paul is not saying one gift is more important than any other. Paul wanted the Corinthian church to know that love is most important. Love isn't a gift in the sense that Paul was talking about I Cor. 12:31.

Remember, gifts are Spirit-given abilities. Fruit represents Spirit-developed character. In I Cor. 12:31, Paul's command is to desire Spirit-given abilities to serve God, and in I Cor. 13, love is more important than any gift.

Question: What gift do you possess that will partner up with love to help grow a ministry in the church?

III. Developing Your Gift

Paul told Timothy not to neglect his gift (I Tim. 4:14-15). The gifts are to be used to edify the body of Christ (Eph. 4:11-12).

1. Practice – Being involved helps to identify your gifts; it's the only way to develop the gift.
2. Mentor – Do you have a mentor? Who could you recruit to be your mentor? Who has the gift you would like to see developed within yourself?
3. Literature – What resources have you researched to help you with your gift?
4. Special Training – Are you willing to attend any special training to enhance your gift?
5. Church Seminars – Will you attend church training seminars?
6. Formal Training – Are you willing to attend formal training?

CONCLUSION

What is the action plan for developing your gift?
