

The Serving Church Church Clearly – Part 5

Ephesians 2:8-10
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"Your hands shaped me and made me..." Job 10:8

SPIRITUAL GIFTS

"God has given each of you a gift from his great variety of spiritual gifts. Use them well to serve one another."
1 Peter 4:10

HEART

"Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord, not for men." Colossians 3:23

ABILITIES

PASSION

EXPERIENCES

"And we know that all things work together for good to those who love God, to those who are called according to His purpose." Romans 8:28

"If you try to hang on to your life you will lose it. But if you give up your life you will save it." Luke 9:24

GOD WANTS US TO SERVE HIM...

1. WITH A GRATEFUL HEART.

"When Jesus arrived at Peter's house, Peter's mother-in-law was sick in bed with a high fever. But when Jesus touched her hand, the fever left her. Then she got up and prepared a meal for Him." Matthew 8:14-15

"I thank Christ Jesus our Lord, who has given me strength to do His work. He considered me trustworthy and appointed me to serve Him, even though I used to blaspheme the name of Christ. In my insolence, I persecuted His people. But God had mercy on me because I did it in ignorance and unbelief. Oh, how generous and gracious our Lord was! He filled me with the faith and love that come from Christ Jesus." 1 Timothy 1:12-14

"Serve the Lord with gladness; Come before His presence with singing." Psalms 100:2

2. WITH AN AVAILABLE ATTITUDE.

"As Jesus and the disciples left the town of Jericho, a large crowd followed behind. Two blind men were sitting beside the road. When they heard that Jesus was coming that way, they began shouting, 'Lord, Son of David, have mercy on us!' 'Be quiet!' the crowd yelled at them. But they only shouted louder, 'Lord, Son of David, have mercy on us!' When Jesus heard them, He stopped and called, 'What do you want me to do for you?'" Matthew 20:29-32

"If you can help your neighbor now, don't say, 'Come back tomorrow, and then I'll help you.'" Proverbs 3:28

- **Self-centeredness hinders us.**

"Don't look out only for your own interests, but take an interest in others, too." Philippians 2:4

- **Perfectionism hinders us.**

"Those who wait for perfect weather will never plant seeds; those who look at every cloud will never harvest crops." Ecclesiastes 11:4

- **Materialism hinders us.**

"No one can serve two masters. For you will hate one and love the other; you will be devoted to one and despise the other. You cannot serve both God and money." Matthew 6:24

3. WITH A FAITHFUL SPIRIT.

"For God is not unjust. He will not forget how hard you have worked for him and how you have shown your love to him by caring for other believers, as you still do." Hebrews 6:10