



Big Idea: We are saved by Christ to serve Christ.

-- *"As each has received a gift..."*

- Every good thing anyone has gift we have comes from God (James 1:17).
- Beyond this, every believer receives specific gifts from God by the Holy Spirit through faith in Christ (Ephesians 4:7).
- To claim to have nothing to offer in **SERVICE** to Christ stands in opposition to God's Word.

-- *"...use it to serve..."*

- The gifts God gives us, He gives us to serve **OTHERS**
- 1 Corinthians 12:7, Mark 10:45.

-- *"...one another..."*

- *"One another"* here refers to relationships within the **CHURCH** (Galatians 6:10).
- God gives us gifts by His Spirit so that we will use them to build up the body of Christ (1 Cor. 14:4-5).
- The one who uses the spiritual gifts God gives to bless himself and not the church misses the point (1 Corinthians 14:26).

-- *"...as good stewards..."*

- Dictionary.com - "steward" - "one who administers anything as the agent of another or others."
- The gifts are given to us, but they belong to God.
- To use God's gifts **SELFISHLY** is to abuse them.

-- *"...of God's varied grace..."*

-- "Grace" is a gift from God that we don't deserve.

-- God's desire for a variety of servants to serve the church in a variety of ways is seen in the variety of gifts He gives his people. -- *"...in order that in everything God may be glorified through Jesus Christ."*

-- We are given gifts from God so that, in using those gifts to bless others, God will **GLORIFIED** in us.

-- To whatever extent we refuse to use the gifts God gives us to serve Him through the church, we are robbing God of glory He deserves.

-- *"To him belong glory and dominion forever and ever."*

-- To work for any glory other than God's is to work for a **MYTH**

-- Use your gifts to bring glory to God by serving Him in the church.

-- **Ministries to children and youth are vital.**

-- By far, the most important and effective time in making disciples is the early years of life.

-- If we are serious about making disciples of Christ, then we must be serious about ministering to children and youth.

-- This blessed opportunity for which we have prayed is now a reality for which we are **RESPONSIBLE**

Ministry Opportunities Checklists