

SERVICE IN THE CHURCH AND KINGDOM

Session 8

Let's Pray

Pray this prayer as you begin.

Lord, help me/us to realize that the sacrifice of Your son cost You a great deal. Help the scriptures in this lesson to make me/realize that I/we owe You my/our service, that I/we must be willing to use the talents and gifts You gave me/us to further the Kingdom.

As we go through these scriptures choose one that really “speaks” to you and write it on a slip paper.

At the end of this session you can put this “scripture slip” in your wallet or purse and use it to help you remember what this “step” is in learning to walk with Christ.

Psalm 2:11

We are directed to serve the Lord with fear
(respect)

Matthew 6:24; 20:26

Verse 24 reminds us that we cannot serve both God and money (our personal possessions).

Verse 26 tells us that leaders have to be willing to be servants.

Mark 1:17

Jesus calls His disciples to come and follow and serve Him so we can be fishers of men (put out the kind of lifestyle “bait” that attracts others to salvation).

John 12:26

To serve Jesus we have to follow Him and we can trust that God will honor our service.

Romans 12: 6-8, 11; 14:17-18

Verses 6-8 tell us to use the gifts God has given us to do what our gifts enable us to do.

Verse 11 encourages us to work hard and be careful not to be lazy.

Verses 17-18 tell us to give importance to living a life of goodness, joy, and peace while we serve Jesus.

1 Corinthians 12:4-11

This verse assures us that we each have a spiritual gift that is designed to be USED.

Ephesians 2:10; 4:11-13; 6:7-8

Verse 10 tells us that each of us is God's masterpiece created to do good things that have been planned for us.

Verses 11-13 tell us that maturity is our goal and those who teach are responsible for instructing us to this end until we measure up to Christ.

Verses 7-8 tell us to remember that we are not working for other people but for God and that payment for our work comes from God not man.

1 Peter 4:10

Again we are told that we each have a gift and we are reminded to use our gift well.

These two verses, one from the Old Testament and one from the New Testament summarize this lesson.

Jeremiah 3:15 and 1 Corinthians 12:4

Jeremiah tells us that there are shepherds (guides) here for our instruction.

Corinthians assures us that all the spiritual gifts come from the same spirit.

One thing we have to know and believe is that God expects us to use our gifts to serve Him by serving the church and others.

When you tell a child to do something what do you expect that child to do?

When God tells us to do something, God expects us to do what He has told us to do.

The scriptures make it clear that each of us has a gift and that God expects us to use that gift in a way that benefits the kingdom.

You will need to determine what your spiritual gifts are. There are several Spiritual Gifts inventories available on-line. If you attend Windsor Spring Baptist Church you may get a copy of one from the church office. Below are two free ones.

<https://gifts.churchgrowth.org/spiritual-gifts-survey/gifts-survey/>

Or

info@spiritualgiftstest.com

Please stop and complete one of these to determine what your gifts are.

Once you have determined your spiritual gifts you need to get involved in church where you can use these gifts. You may have to let someone know you are willing to serve and what your gifts are. There is ALWAYS room for more willing hands because there is much to be done in the Kingdom of God.

Keep on working for the Lord. The pay may not seem like much but the retirement plan is OUT OF THIS WORLD!

Since you are a new Christian it is in your best interests to find a more mature older brother or sister to help shepherd you.

There are Christians available and willing to walk along side you to mentor you as you begin your walk with Christ. You are urged to talk to your pastor or the pastor of a local church who should be willing to help you find a mentor.

Everything that we have examined in this session is summarized in the assurance that follows.

Assurance 8:

***I WILL USE MY GIFTS TO SERVE GOD
BECAUSE THAT IS WHY GOD GAVE
THEM TO ME!***

This concludes session 8

Let's pray.

You gave me/us gifts, Lord. Now help me/us to give them back by serving You.