

# A Church for Others: Ministry Abounds – Part 3

## Romans 12:1-11

### Introduction

1. Have you every wondered why God didn't take you to heaven after you trusted Christ and entered His family? It is because God has a work for you to do.
2. God has a ministry for you! Ministry is giving to and serving others.

### First, every believer is saved to serve. vs. 1-2

### Second, every believer is gifted to serve. vs. 3-8

1. When God places you in the body of the church, He expects you to function, not vegetate.
2. Because God expects you to function as a contributing member of the body, God has gifted you to serve or minister. vs. 6
3. The purpose of your gifts is to be a blessing to others. 1 Corinthians 14:12; 1 Peter 4:10
4. The effectiveness of our church depends on the number of people who are involved in meaningful ministry.
5. God gifts certain people in the church with teaching and leadership gifts so that they can grow and mature the saints and prepare **them** for ministry.  
Ephesians 4:11-16
  - Once they prepare them, they \_\_\_\_\_ them loose and let them minister!
6. The apostle Paul lists these team gifts in verses 6-8.
  - \_\_\_\_\_ - This gift deals with the proclamation of God's truth.
  - \_\_\_\_\_ - This is the gift of working behind the scenes, performing necessary jobs, manual tasks, doing whatever it takes to help and get the job done.
  - \_\_\_\_\_ - This is the gift of communicating and clarifying the details of God's Word in such a way that others will learn.

- \_\_\_\_\_ - This is the gift of encouraging and challenging others to follow God's Word.
- \_\_\_\_\_ - This is a strong desire to give and share of your material resources to further the work of God.
- \_\_\_\_\_ - This is the gift of leading, organizing, and administrating ministries and people.
- Showing \_\_\_\_\_ - This is the gift of ministering to those who are sick, suffering, or afflicted.

7. Here are a few important principles about these gifts:

- You don't \_\_\_\_\_ these gifts.
- These gifts aren't for you; they are for the edification of \_\_\_\_\_.
- You must \_\_\_\_\_ and develop your gifts.
- Never confuse spiritual \_\_\_\_\_ with spiritual responsibility.

### **Third, every believer is \_\_\_\_\_ to serve. vs. 9-11**

1. We are commanded to **fervently** serve the Lord. It is not a suggestion, but a clear-cut \_\_\_\_\_.
2. Ministry is not \_\_\_\_\_ for the believer.
3. When we examine the life of Christ, we see clearly that serving God really means serving \_\_\_\_\_.
4. You can't be like \_\_\_\_\_ if you are not serving.

### **In Conclusion:**

1. You will never know the \_\_\_\_\_ of impacting lives, and we will not become a church for others, until each member is actively engaged in ministry.
2. One of the greatest decisions that you could ever make is to \_\_\_\_\_ your place of ministry and service for the Lord.