



FUNDAMENTALS of CHRISTIAN LIVING

Sermon Title: Your Ministry Matters

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- 1) God gives each Christian spiritual gifts from the Holy Spirit.
- 2) These gifts empower our ministry to the church.
- 3) Everyone's ministry is of equal importance in the kingdom of God.
- 4) Our ministry works in harmony with the church.

1 Corinthians 12:4–7 ... "Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; and there are varieties of service, but the same Lord; and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who empowers them all in everyone. To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good."

Questions to Consider

- 1) How do spiritual gifts differ from talents or skills?
- 2) Do I believe God has an important place for me in the church body and that my service to the church matters? Why or why not?
- 3) Have you ever sought to discover what spiritual gifts God has given you? If not, what are some steps you could take this week to learn more?

Memory Verse for September- October

"Whoever loves discipline loves knowledge, but he who hates reproof is stupid. A good man obtains favor from the LORD, but a man of evil devices he condemns. No one is established by wickedness, but the root of the righteous will never be moved."

Proverbs 12:1-3

From the Resources

At the moment of salvation, when the Holy Spirit comes to live within you, He brings a gift with Him. We read in 1 Corinthians 12:4,11 of different varieties of gifts, and that the Holy Spirit determines by His sovereign will which gift goes to which believer ... Just as with athletic, musical, or intellectual gifts, so also spiritual gifts must be developed by discipline in order to bear spiritual fruit..

- Donald Whitney - Spiritual Disciplines for the Christian Life (Pg. 151, 17)