

WHY DO WE SERVE

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Today we're gonna learn one important spiritual principle of every Christian in their walk with God. Serving God is one of our life's purposes.

In the Movement Church, we believe that **every single believers are called to SERVE**. That Christianity is never a spectator sports. You were built for service.

As believers, we are never called just to be consumers, but CONTRIBUTORS.

Ephesians 2:10

For we are God's workmanship, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do.

- You are God's handcrafted work of art.
- You are not an assembly-line, mass-produced goods.
- You are a custom-designed, one-of-a-kind, original masterpiece.
- You were shaped to serve God.

SO WHY DO WE SERVE GOD?

JESUS IS OUR EXAMPLE

Mark 10:45 (NKJV)

"For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give His life a ransom for many."

- Jesus came to SERVE.
- He didn't come to demand others in serving Him. His nature is to serve.
- Teaching them, Minister Healing to People, Feeding them, Washed their feet, even served obediently to His death on the Cross!!

JESUS IS OUR MODEL when it comes to serving others.

- He did NOT come with a sense of entitlement (*Its my right to be worshipped, its my right to be served...*)
- But He came with only one mission....to SERVE.
- The same way....
- We were made to serve and build the church of God.** (Ephesians 4:11-13).
 - So Christ himself gave the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, the pastors and teachers, to equip his people for works of service, so that the body of Christ may be built up until we all reach unity in the faith and in the knowledge of the Son of God and become mature, attaining to the whole measure of the fullness of Christ.*
- God made each one of us with UNIQUE TALENTS, PERSONALITIES AND SKILL SETS.**
- And when we ask Jesus into our lives, we're given at least one spiritual gift.
 - There are Ministry Gifts, Manifestation Gifts & Motivational gifts. (1 Corinthians 12:4-7)*
 - All believers take part in these gifts in various ways.*
- God wants us to use them to equip His people for works of service, so that the body of Christ may be built up in Unity and into Maturity of Fulness of Christ (v12-13)

SERVING ALLOWS US TO DISCOVER AND DEVELOP OUR SPIRITUAL GIFTS.

1 Corinthians 12 references the CHURCH to A HUMAN BODY.

Just like our BODIES are made of MANY PARTS serving SPECIFIC FUNCTIONS...

- The church is made up of people with different skills and abilities.
- Alone these pieces aren't very useful, but TOGETHER we create something beautiful and serves a **POWERFUL PURPOSE!**

1 Corinthians 12 : 12, 14-21

"For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ.

For the body does not consist of one member but of many.

But as it is, God arranged the members in the body, each one of them, as he chose:

How strange a body would be if it had only one part!

Yes, there are many parts, but only one body.

The eye can never say to the hand, "I don't need you." The head can't say to the feet, "I don't need you."

Christ is the Head

And the Church is the Body.

You and me --- all of us, the Bible talks about us as the different body parts that made up a Body. It consists of different parts.

"How strange a body would be if it only had one part!"

- Can you imagine your whole body only made up of eyes / hands?
- Each part need one another.
- Each one of us play a specific and significant role.
- The **eye** can never say to the hand, "I don't need you."
- The **head** can't say to the feet, "I don't need you."
- Every part is important and significant because it fulfills particular function.**
- Nose vs Feet
- Runny Nose and Smelly Feet!
- We need one another to fulfill their own purpose.
- Each one of us serves particular Purpose. And we complement one another.
- And together we achieve **BETTER PURPOSE.**

SERVING ALLOWS GOD TO DEVELOP OUR CHARACTER TO BE LIKE JESUS AND GROW OUR LEADERSHIP.

We shift our focus off of ourselves onto others through serving.

We begin to see others as Jesus sees them.

When we work in the context team with other people, God is also developing our characters,

- He's working 'patience' within us.*
- He's developing 'compassion' - heart to people.*
- He's training us to teach others, encourage others, be more generous in serving and leading.*

The growth happens in the stretch.

Our leadership grows when we grow in our ability to sustain / work under pressure, building resilience and discipline, working in team, leading a diverse types of people.

- See ministry as one of the pathways / avenue to disciple people through the journey.

WE USE MINISTRY TO BUILD PEOPLE, NOT USE PEOPLE DO BUILD THE MINISTRY / CHURCH

WE ARE CALLED TO BE A FAITHFUL STEWARD THROUGH SERVING OTHERS

You are saved for a purpose, set free for a purpose.

The same way, **you are GIFTED FOR A PURPOSE: SERVING OTHERS!!**

1 Peter 4:10-11

"Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God's grace in its various forms.... so that in all things God may be praised through Jesus Christ."

WE ARE CALLED TO BE A FAITHFUL STEWARD THROUGH SERVING OTHERS.

Serving is a form of worship, a way to express gratitude for what Jesus has done for us, and to share the love and grace we've been given.

HOW CAN I SERVE???

"WE NEED YOU."

We make all sorts of rational explanations for NOT serving:

- I don't have time.*
- I don't know what I would do.*
- I don't have any special skills to contribute.*
- There are other people better than me...*
- They don't need me. They already got so many people serving!!*

The truth is,

GOD DOESN'T CALL THE EQUIPPED, HE EQUIPS THE CALLED.

GOD IS MORE INTERESTED IN YOUR AVAILABILITY THAN YOUR CAPABILITY.

You don't have to come ready-made.

You don't need any skills.

Only availability

If you say....I want to serve...but I don't know HOW? What Should I do?

Ask yourself.....

- **WHAT ARE YOU GOOD AT?** (your strength, skills)

Eg. singing / musical skills, management skills, details, I have muscles,

- **WHAT ARE YOU MOSTLY INTERESTED ABOUT?**

Eg. Creative arts, Spreadsheets / numbers, Events, talking to People, Community / social engagement, Kids, etc.

- **WHAT DO YOU SEE NOW THAT FRUSTRATES / ANNOYS ME?**

Most likely that is exactly where God has called you, that is where you can help and add value.

Some people stop at complaining: about the music, about the multimedia, about the ushers....etc.

If they can notice what's wrong it, they can tell what needs to be fixed....

And most likely that's where God wants you to serve and add value in that area.

EACH OF US WAS UNIQUELY DESIGNED, OR "SHAPED" TO DO CERTAIN THINGS.

Before architects design any new building they first ask, *"What will be its purpose? How will it be used?"*

The intended function always determines the form of the building.

Before God created you, he decided what role he wanted you to play on earth.

He planned exactly how he wanted you to serve him, and then he shaped you for those tasks.

You are the way you are because you were made for a specific ministry.

This means that **nothing that happens in your life is insignificant.**

God uses all of it to mould you for your ministry to others and shape you for your service to him.

God never wastes anything.

He would not give you ABILITIES, INTERESTS, TALENTS, GIFTS, PERSONALITY AND LIFE EXPERIENCES unless he intended to use them for his glory.

By identifying and understanding these factors you can discover God's will for your life.

HOW GOD SHAPES YOU FOR YOUR MINISTRY

Whenever God gives us an assignment, he always equips us with what we need to accomplish it.

This custom combination of capabilities is called your SHAPE:

Spiritual gifts

Heart

Abilities

Personality

Experience

- In the next hour we will get into our WORKSHOP 'mode' with your groups.*
- Let's do our personal assessment to see how God SHAPE us for ministry.*
- 30-60 minutes.*
- Answer as real / candid. Don't take too long / overthink as it might bias your answer too.*
- What would be your constant or default response or thought that came up?*
- Real (I am) vs aspired answer (I want to be more.....I am trying to be more....I wish I can be more....)*

SPIRITUAL GIFT

Special ability given by the Holy Spirit to every believer at their conversion, to be used to minister to others and therefore build the Body of Christ.

Although spiritual gifts are given when the Holy Spirit enters new believers, their use and purpose need to be understood and developed as we grow spiritually.

Spiritual gift is like a muscle, the more you use it, the stronger it becomes.

HEART

DESIREs, hopes, interests, ambitions, dreams and affections you have.

Your heart represents the source of all your motivations — what you love to do and what you care about most.

Our PASSION - desires or purpose that bring us joy.

There are certain things you feel passionate about and others you couldn't care less about.

- A passion for a **role** (what you like to do), a passion for **specific people** (who you'd like to help), a passion for a **cause** (what would you like to see changed).
- Egg I love to organise, design, perform, repair, help / serve, pioneer, operate / maintain.

ABILITIES

Your abilities are the natural talents you were born with.

The Bible says, "God has given each of us the ability to do certain things well."

Myth: "I just don't have any abilities to offer" — there are a lot of untapped, unrecognised, unused abilities lying dormant inside of you.

Look at what you are good at doing.

Eg. Entertaining ability (speak, perform), researching ability, graphics, arts, planning, managing, counselling / encouraging, teaching, athletic ability, writing / linguistic ability, editing, repairing, hobby related (cooking, gardening, woodwork), technical ability (IT, audio, media, camera, set up pack up, PowerPoint, excel, technician), music ability, decorations, good with umbers / money.

PERSONALITY

Your personality will affect HOW and WHERE you use your spiritual gifts and abilities.

Eg. Two people have gift of evangelism, but if one is introverted, the other is extroverted, the gift will be expressed in different ways.

EXPERIENCES

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

You have been shaped by your experiences in life, most of which were beyond your control.

God allows them for His purpose of moulding you.

God will not waste them.

- Ministry experiences*
- Work experiences - what jobs have you been most effective in and enjoyed most?*
- Educational experiences - what were your favourite subjects in school?*
- Spiritual experiences - what have been your most meaningful times with God?*
- Painful experiences - from what problems, hurts, trials have you learned?*

God never wastes a hurt? He uses that the most to prepare you for ministry.

Who could better help an alcoholic recover than someone who fought that demon and found freedom?

Who could better help a broken marriage than someone who had gone through a dark season of divorce / betrayal?

God allows you to go through painful experiences to equip you for ministry to others.

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SHAPE TEST

Include QR CODE to this link:

<https://www.freeshapetest.com>

(2nd section)

Pick Top 3 MINISTRIES of Interest:

- Event Production
- Lighting
- Sound
- Multimedia
- Worship
- Videography
- Photography
- Social Media
- Creative Design
- Kids Ministry
- Pastoral Care
- G-Crew (Ushers)
- Transportation
- IDRM (Identity & Resource)
- IT & Systems
- Testimony
- Building Maintenance
- External Guest Relations (Host)
- Hospitality

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Takes charge

Determined

Assertive

Firm

Enterprising

Competitive

Enjoys challenges

Bold

Purposeful

Decision maker

Leader

Goal-driven

Self-reliant

Adventurous

"Let's do it now!"

Double the number counted _____

O

Takes risks

Visionary

Motivator

Energetic

Very verbal

Promoter

Avoids details

Fun-loving

Likes variety

Enjoys change

Creative

Group-oriented

Mixes easily

Optimistic

"Trust me! It'll work out!"

Double the number counted _____

G

Loyal

Nondemanding

Even keel

Avoids conflict

Enjoys routine

Dislikes change

Deep relationships

Adaptable

Sympathetic

Thoughtful

Nurturing

Patient

Tolerant

Good listener

"Let's keep things the way they are."

Double the number counted _____

B

Deliberate

Controlled

Reserved

Predictable

Practical

Orderly

Factual

Discerning

Detailed

Analytical

Inquisitive

Precise

Persistent

Scheduled

"How was it done in the past?"

Double the number counted _____

https://www.christianity.com/wiki/christian-life/what-are-spiritual-gifts-understanding-the-types-and-discovering-yours.html#google_vignette

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