

Doing The Work of Ministry

Ephesians 4:12b
Message

**Christ gives gifts to His
servant people,
employing them all to
do the work of
ministry.**

Equipping The Saints (Eph 4:11-13)

1

Jesus gave certain gifts to equip the saints (11-12a)

2

Jesus' initial goal was for the saints to do the work of ministry (12b)

“Service / Ministry”

- Related to the word for deacon
- Used to describe waiting tables, distributing food
- But can describe broader types of service (Acts 1:17, 25)
- Unique ministry assigned to each (Acts 20:24)
- Can be full-time or general (2 Tim 4:5; 2 Cor 5:18)

When we serve one another, we do work that is eternally significant

Helps / Service

- 1 Cor 12:5, 28; Rom 12:7; 1 Pet 4:11
- Faithful intercession
- Helper to a SS teacher
- Nursery or 2's and 3's
- Musical accompaniment in worship
- Office tasks
- Church library, literature racks
- Greeting and welcoming visitors
- Maintenance and repair
- Preparing the Lord's Supper
- Audio/visual ministries
- Helping missionaries

Serving Gifts

Administrations / Leading

- 1 Cor 12:28; Rom 12:8
- Piloting a ship, keeping it on course (Acts 27:11)
- Lead, supervise or manage diligently but as a servant, not lording over others
- **God ordains some servants to lead other servants**

Serving Gifts

The person with the gift of leading has
“the ability to make wise decisions and to
mobilize, motivate, and direct others
toward an objective”

John MacArthur, *1 Corinthians*, p. 325

Administrations / Leading

- Elders lead
- Deacons oversee ministries
- Coordinators for:
 - Nursery
 - Missions
 - Mercy meals
 - SS teachers
 - Special occasions or events

Serving Gifts

Encouragement

- Rom 12:8
- To encourage, exhort, comfort or console
- Used in preaching, teaching, counseling, discipling
- Person-to-person words of encouragement
- Befriend lonely or outcast
- Come alongside those who need encouragement
- Words of compassion that seek to heal

Serving Gifts

Giving

God empowers some to give in special ways to meet the needs of the church and fellow members

- Rom 12:8
- Intensified form of “give”
- Give sacrificially, a giving of themselves
- “With liberality” =
 - Generosity (2 Cor 8:2-6)
 - Sincerity

Serving Gifts

Showing Mercy

- Rom 12:8
- Moved with compassion to do acts of mercy for those in need (Acts 9:36)
- Preparing meals
- Visiting and helping the sick, homebound or in nursing homes
- Helping in difficult situation
- Ministering to the poor or special needs

Serving Gifts

Hospitality?

- 1 Pet 4:9
- Good at providing a warm, loving environment
- Meals or lodging
- A place for warm fellowship
- Hosting missionaries and conference speakers
- Hosting gatherings
- Hosting a small group

Serving Gifts



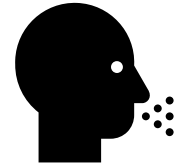
Leading



Mercy



Helps



Encouragement



Giving



Teacher



Pastor



Evangelist



Hospitality

How will you serve?

