



How To Serve At Church

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Romans 12:4-8

Each one of us is a member in the Body.

**All the members do not have the same function -
but all members do have some function in the
body.**



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God has given each of us gifts and grace – and we are to use them, both to serve the Body as well as to reach the world.

Ministry is simply you using the gifts and grace given to you to fulfill the function assigned to you.



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Our attitude with which we use the gifts and grace given to us matters:

He who gives...must do so with generosity

He who leads...must do so with diligence

He who shows mercy...must do so with cheerfulness

Etc.



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Ephesians 4:11,12

If you have been part of a church that has been equipping you – the normal outcome is that you should start using the gifts and grace given to you to fulfill the function God has assigned for you.



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1, Give off the overflow

Matthew 6:6

Matthew 10:27

John 15:5

1 Corinthians 9:27

Ministry is an overflow in public of what is going on in private.



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2, Serve with humility

Matthew 20:20-28



Maintain the heart of a servant – regardless of what your gifts and grace are.

“Lead with the heart of a servant, and serve with the heart of a king” – Bill Johnson

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2, Serve with humility

1 Peter 5:5,6



To move to higher realms in God, you need greater grace. Greater grace is only obtained through greater humility.

If you want to go higher before God, step lower to serve men.

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2, Serve with humility

**Don't promote yourself,
don't compete with others.**

**Let promotion and exaltation come from God, rather
that you getting it for yourself.**

**Your gift and grace does not make you superior to
others with differing or less prominent gifts and
grace.**



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2, Serve with humility

Your identity is not in your gift.

Be confident of who you are outside of your gift and grace.



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3, Serve with excellence

1 Peter 4:10,11

“ We are what we
repeatedly do.
Excellence, therefore
is not an act but
a habit.”

~Aristotle

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3, Serve with excellence

Don't give God anything that does not cost you something.

1 Chronicles 21:24



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3, Serve with excellence

Don't serve God only when it is convenient. Serve Him at all times, in season and out of season, when things are easy and when things are tough.

2 Corinthians 11:23-33



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4, Be thankful for the opportunity

Ephesians 5:20

Colossians 3:17

The opportunity given to you to exercise your gifts and grace is a privilege extended not a right that is deserved.



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5, Do it as unto the Lord

Colossians 3:22-24

Use your gifts and grace to serve people – but do it as you were doing it for the Lord.

Live for the applause of heaven rather than the accolades of man.

