

# Network

**The Right People ...**

**In the Right Places ...**

**For the Right Reasons ...**

**At the Right Time!**

# Imagine A Church...

- **DVD...**

# “The Purpose of Gifts ...”

# Network's Goal

**To help us to be fruitful  
and fulfilled in a meaningful  
place of service.**

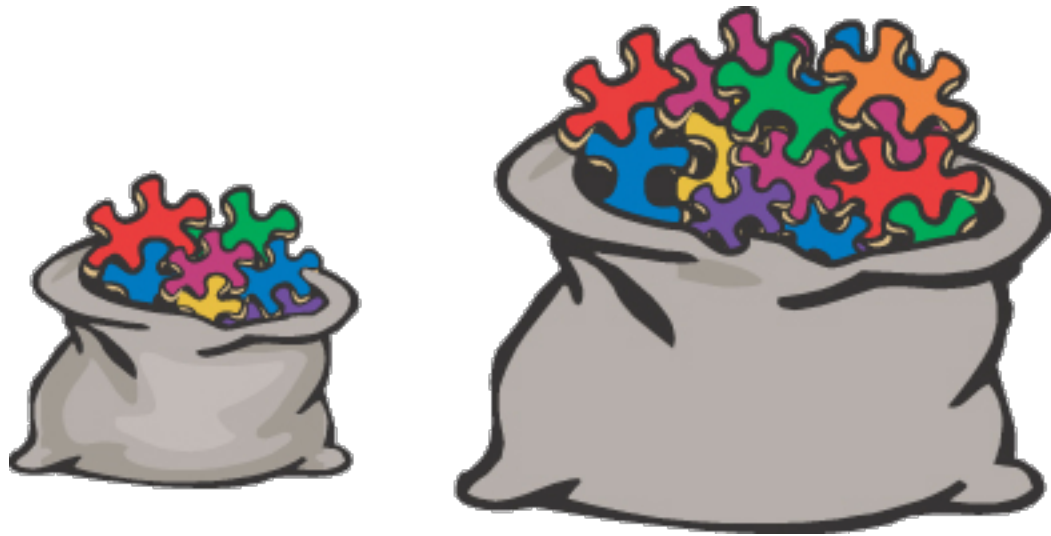
***“You, my brothers,  
were called to be free.  
But do not use your freedom  
to indulge the sinful nature,  
rather, serve one another in love.”***

**Galatians 5:13**

**Serving is not optional...  
it's a matter of **O**BEDIENCE.**

# Network will help you better understand:

- **Who God has made you to be**
- **When you make your unique contribution, you will make a Kingdom difference for eternity**









# Why Do We Serve Anyway?

- **Glorify God**
- **Edify Others**

# The Ten Commandments

Exodus 20:1-17

- 1. Don't have other gods**
- 2. Don't worship idols**
- 3. Don't take God's name in vain**
- 4. Remember the Sabbath**

**The focus of these four is GOD  
and how we are to love ... Him.**

# The Ten Commandments

Exodus 20:1-17

5. Honour parents
6. Don't murder
7. Don't commit adultery
8. Don't steal
9. Don't be a false witness
10. Don't covet

**The focus of these six is OTHERS  
and how we are to love ... them.**

# The Great Commandment

Matthew 22:37- 40

***“Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.’ This is the first and greatest commandment. And the second is like it: ‘Love your neighbor as yourself.’ All the Law and the Prophets hang on these two commandments.”***

**Our serving glorifies God  
because it is a form of worship.**

**Our serving builds up or  
edifies others.**



# The Major Test of Service:

**When we serve, does it glorify  
God and edify others?**

# How We're to Serve

<b>THE SERVANT PROFILE</b>		
<b>SPIRITUAL GIFTS</b> indicate:	<b>WHAT</b> you do best	You will be <b>COMPETENT!</b>
<b>PERSONAL STYLE</b> indicates:	<b>HOW</b> you best serve	You will be <b>CONFIDENT!</b>
<b>MINISTRY PASSION</b> indicates:	<b>WHERE</b> you best serve	You will be <b>MOTIVATED!</b>

**There are...**

**No right or wrong gifts ...**

**No right or wrong styles ...**

**No right or wrong passions ...**

**They are just different!**

**You can have...**

***Any Spiritual Gift, with ...***

***Any Personal Style, with ...***

***Any Ministry Passion!***

**Spiritual Gifts are special abilities given by the Holy Spirit and distributed to every believer according to God's design and grace for the common good of the body of Christ.**

**Spiritual Gifts are special abilities.**

# 1 Corinthians 12:8-10

- ***To one there is given through the Spirit the message of wisdom, to another the message of knowledge by means of the same Spirit, to another faith by the same Spirit, to another miraculous powers, to another prophecy... (and so on)...***

**Spiritual Gifts are given by the  
HOLY SPIRIT.**



**Spiritual Gifts are distributed  
to every believer according to  
God's design and grace.**

# Who are they for?

- ***(1 Peter 4:10) Each one should use whatever gift he has received to serve others, faithfully administering God's grace in its various forms.***
- ***(1 Corinthians 12:7) Now to each one the manifestation of the Spirit is given for the common good.***

**Spiritual Gifts are for the  
COMMON GOOD of the body  
of Christ.**

**Your Spiritual Gift is not *for* you,  
it is given *to* you *for* others.**

# Uniqueness, Unity, and Diversity

**Our Spiritual Gifts are  
given by design and  
make us unique.**

# 1 Corinthians

## 12:20-21, 25-26

***As it is, there're many parts, but one body. The eye cannot say to the hand, "I don't need you!" And the head cannot say to the feet, "I don't need you!" ... so that there should be no division in the body,***

# 1 Corinthians

## 12:20-21, 25-26

***but that its parts should have equal concern for each other. If one part suffers, every part suffers with; if one part is honoured, every part rejoices with it.***

- **Diversity is not DIVISION**
- **Unity is not c**o**nformity.**



# 1 Corinthians 12:17-20

- ***If the whole body were an eye, where would the sense of hearing be? If the whole body were an ear, where would the sense of smell be? But in fact God has arranged the parts in the body, every one of them, just as He wanted them to be.***

# 1 Corinthians 12:17-20

- ***If they were all one part, where would the body be? As it is, there're many parts, but one body.***

- **Unity is not achieved by being alike.**
- **Unity is achieved by having the same purpose.**

# Interdependence...

- **DVD...**

# Dependence, Independence, Interdependence

**We all start out in  
dependent relationships.**

**Some become  
independent.**

**Culturally, we equate  
MATURITY with independence.**

**God calls us to be  
interdependent and have  
interdependent relationships.**

**Interdependent relationships  
reflect God's design for the  
church.**



# Romans 12:5

***"In Christ we who are many form one body, and each member belongs to all others."***

# A List of Spiritual Gifts

- **1 Corinthians 12:8-10, 28**
- **Romans 12:6-8**
- **Ephesians 4:11**

# Spiritual Gifts are NOT ...

- **Natural talents**
- **The fruit of the Spirit**
- **Church positions**
- **Christian disciplines**



**CAN'T SOMEONE ELSE  
JUST DO IT?**