

USING YOUR SPIRITUAL GIFTS IN THE LOCAL CHURCH

Lesson Four: Getting Plugged into Ministry

NOTES

Review

What have we learned over the past three weeks? Can you summarize the main point of each lesson? What has been our key passage and verses?

It's Your Move Because Of What We Believe

We believe in three principles regarding church member ministry:

- **Your ministry ought to be Spirit-motivated.** We trust God to direct church members towards the ministry undertakings He desires for them. **Therefore, we pray, promote and facilitate ministry.**

What is your part? _____

- **Your ministry ought to be gift-based.** We believe that each church member has a unique, God-given ministry capacity. **Therefore, we assist, direct and cultivate ministry.**

What is your part? _____

- **Your ministry ought to be appropriately-“owned”.** We want church members to take responsibility and accept accountability for their ministry capacities and the ministry God has entrusted to them. **Therefore, we delegate, equip and oversee the ministry.**

What is your part? _____

It's Your Move Because Of What Only You Can Do

Serving Christ by discovering and deploying your ministry capacity in the local church is a matter of obedience to Christ. It is not primarily a program or a position – it is a matter of you worshipping Christ. (Rom 12:1-2) You, by God's grace and for His glory, must obey Christ by serving Him in the church.

Our desire is that you would:

- **Concentrate on ministry that fits your “ministry niche” – whether organized or individual ministry.** (Col 4:12; 1Pet 4:10-11)
- **Seize opportunities to serve and support the church by assisting in church-wide ministry undertakings.** (Gal 6:10)
- **Not use the “it is not my spiritual gift” excuse for disobeying the clear teaching of God's Word in regard to evangelism and service.** (2Cor 8:1-5)
- **Seek pastoral advice for ministry direction and accept pastoral oversight for ministry undertakings.** (1Tim 5:17; 1Pet 5:2)
- **Keep Christ at the center of your ministry!** (Luke 10:41-42; Matt 25:35-40)