Scripture Reading Matthew 25:14-19

14 "For the kingdom of heaven is like a man traveling to a far country, who called his own servants and delivered his goods to them. 15 And to one he gave five talents, to another two, and to another one, to each according to his own ability; and immediately he went on a journey. 16 Then he who had received the five talents went and traded with them, and made another five talents. 17 And likewise he who had received two gained two more also. 18 But he who had received one went and dug in the ground, and hid his lord's money. 19 After a long time the lord of those servants came and settled accounts with them.

CHRISTIAN, CHRISTIAN, WHAT'S YOUR FUNCTION?

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INTRODUCTION

- Importance of Function
 - Have you ever been on a long trip or vacation and had stop and stay in a hotel?
- Observations in My Journey
 - Just say, "OK, I'll try."

FOUNDATION IN THE WORD

Key Verses

TwoPerspectives

• Romans 12:4-8

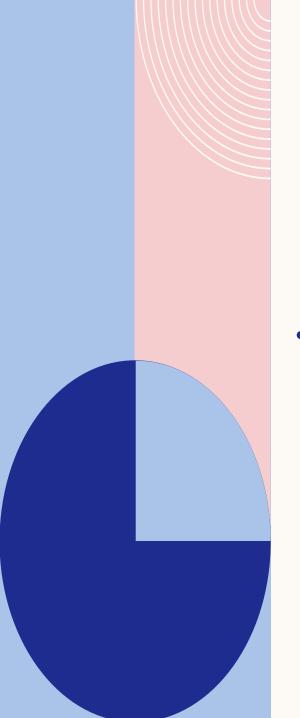
• Everyone is Different

1 Corinthians 12:12-31.

Unity in Diversity

• Ephesians 4:11-13

 God's Design for the Church



UNDERSTANDING YOUR FUNCTION

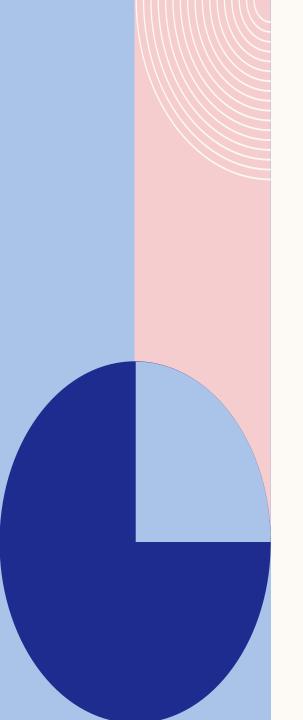
- Spiritual Gifts: God-given abilities or capacities that empower believers to serve others effectively within the church and fulfill their unique role in the body
 - 1 Peter 4:10-11
 - We need to use these gifts for God's glory

ASSESSMENT AND EXPLORATION

- Assess your spiritual gifts through reflection, prayer, and seeking counsel
 - Proverbs 11:14
 - Proverbs 15:22
 - Hebrews 10:24-25
- "Ok, I'll Try"
 - Discover your passion and calling.
 - Why is this important?
- PRAYER! Ask and Listen to God's guidance and discern where He is leading you to serve.

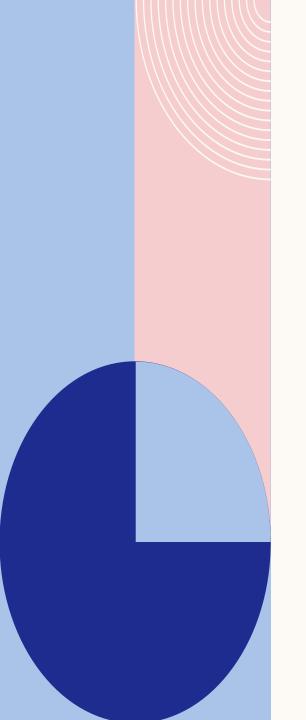
REFLECTING ON PASSIONS

- Consider what activities or roles bring you joy, fulfillment, and a sense of purpose when serving others
 - Psalms 37:4
- There often is a correlation between one's passions and spiritual gifts,
- God often aligns our interests with our gifts to fulfill His purposes
 - Psalms 20:4
 - Philippians 2:13-14



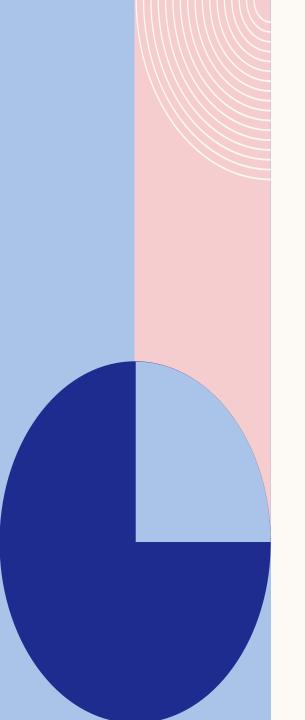
KEYS TO SUCCESS

- Prayer
- Seeking God's Will
- Being open to His leading in identifying and fulfilling one's function
 - Proverbs 3:5-6
 - Jeremiah 29:11



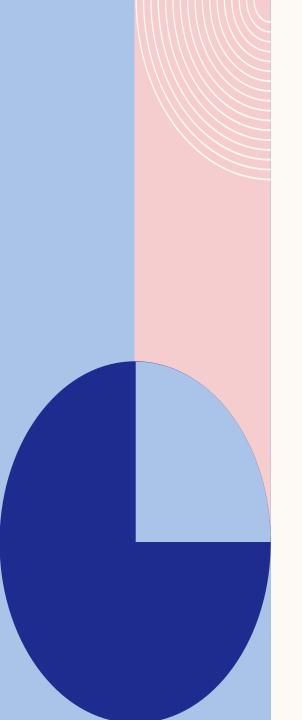
PAY ATTENTION

- Pay attention to nudges of the Holy Spirit as you discern your calling
 - Opportunities for service
 - Confirmation from Scripture
 - Spiritual mentors
- Acts 16:6-10
- 1 Thessalonians 5:14-22



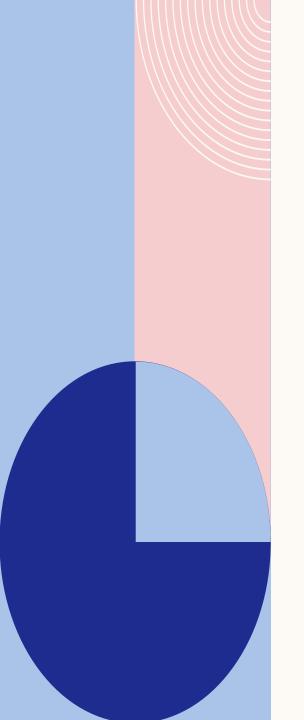
MINISTRY LEADERSHIP ROLES:

- Minister: Responsible for spiritual leadership, preaching, teaching, and pastoral care.
- Elder: Provide spiritual oversight, pastoral care, and leadership within the church community.
- Deacon: Lead work around the church not related to spiritual oversight. Our Deacons have supported Building/Grounds Care, Technology Outreach, Ministry To Shut-ins, Overseas Missions, Youth Ministry and Activities.



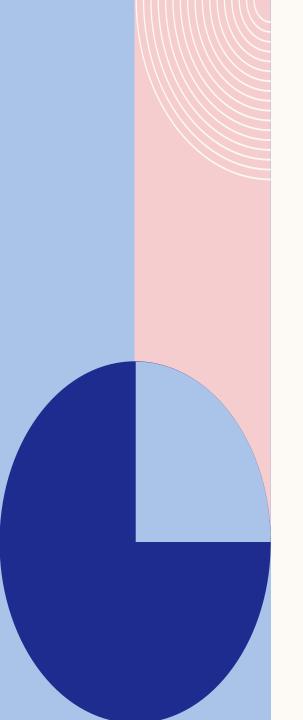
SUPPORT ROLES:

- Ushers/Greeters: Welcome and assist attendees during services, ensuring a warm and inviting atmosphere.
- Hospitality Team: Organize and facilitate fellowship events, meals, and refreshments.
- **Prayer Warriors:** Commit to praying regularly for urgent prayer requests and needs within the church community and reaching out and letting these people know you are praying for them.



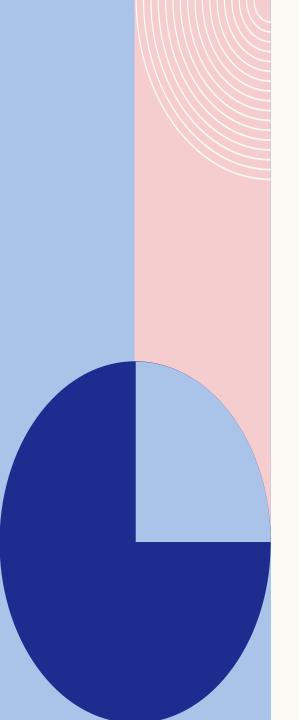
SERVICE ROLES:

- Technical Support: Assist with audio, video, lighting, and other technical aspects of worship services and events.
- Facilities/Maintenance Team: Maintain and care for the church building and grounds.
- **Song Leaders**: Lead songs during worship service.



TEACHING AND DISCIPLESHIP ROLES:

- Sunday School Teachers: Lead and facilitate Bible studies and lessons for various age groups.
- Small Group Leaders: Guide and facilitate small group discussions, Bible studies, and discipleship groups.
- Mentors/Coaches: Provide one-on-one discipleship, mentoring, and support to individuals seeking spiritual growth.
- Training/Education Leaders: Organize and lead training sessions, workshops, and seminars on various spiritual and practical topics.



OUTREACH AND EVANGELISM ROLES:

- Evangelists: Share the gospel with nonbelievers through personal evangelism, outreach events, and evangelistic campaigns.
- Community Service Volunteers: Engage in community outreach projects, serving those in need and demonstrating Christ's love through practical acts of service.

HOW WE GET THERE



SCRIPTURE

- Romans 12:4-8
- 1 Corinthians 12:12-27
- Ephesians 4:11-13
- 1 Peter 4:10-11
- Proverbs 11:14
- Psalms 37:4
- Proverbs 3:5-6



KEY POINTS

- "OK, I'll Try"
- Pray and Listen.
- Assess and Explore
 New Roles as
 Need Comes Up



CALL TO ACTION

- Make a Difference
- Invest in your church and your eternity
- Matthew 25:14-30 Find a use for your talents and don't bury them in the sand.