

Finding Your Place in the Church

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Is your church like a school bus?

Where do you sit in a school bus?

What do you do in a school bus?

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How does the Bible describe the place of people in the church?

1. Membership in God's Church

Who is the church of Christ?

The church is the body of Christ, the people of God

What is the church's purpose?

The church exists to worship God and to witness of Christ

When is the church mature?

The church "grows up" as it worships and witnesses

How does the church serve?

The church is "gifted" by God to grow towards maturity

Are you a member of this church?

2. Spiritual Giftedness for Serving

What part of the body are you?

What are spiritual gifts according to the Bible?

1 Corinthians 12:7-10 – ⁷ But the manifestation of the Spirit is given to every man to profit withal. ⁸ For to one is given by the Spirit the word of wisdom; to another the word of knowledge by the same Spirit; ⁹ To another faith by the same Spirit; to another the gifts of healing by the same Spirit; ¹⁰ To another the working of miracles; to another prophecy; to another discerning of spirits; to another divers kinds of tongues; to another the interpretation of tongues:

Romans 12:6-8 – ⁶ Having then gifts differing according to the grace that is given to us, whether prophecy, let us prophesy according to the proportion of faith; ⁷ Or ministry, let us wait on our ministering: or he that teacheth, on teaching; ⁸ Or he that exhorteth, on exhortation: he that giveth, let him do it with simplicity; he that ruleth, with diligence; he that sheweth mercy, with cheerfulness.



Definition:

How does the Bible teach about spiritual gifts?

The PURPOSE of spiritual gifts

Several CLARIFICATIONS about gifts

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.

Contemporary EXAMPLES: both false and true

3. Serving Christ and His Church

How are you called to serve?

Serving in various church ministries

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- 2.
- 3.

Serving as spiritual leaders in the church (special calling)

Serving as the church within the world

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- 2.
- 3.
- 4.

Serving each other: the purpose of the body



Additional resources for further study:

- Meditate on the inspired books of First Corinthians and Ephesians
- John MacArthur, Jr., *The Body Dynamic: Finding where You Fit in Today's Church* (1996).

<u>Romans 12:6-8</u> "Having then gifts differing according to the grace that is given to us..."	<u>1 Corinthians 12:7-10</u> "But the manifestation of the Spirit is given to every man to profit withal."	<u>1 Corinthians 12:28</u> "And God hath set some in the church..."	<u>Ephesians 4:11</u> "And he gave..."
Prophecy in faith	Prophecy	Apostles Prophets	Apostles Prophets Evangelists
Teaching	Discerning of spirits Word of wisdom Word of knowledge Faith	Teachers	Pastors and teachers
Exhorting	Working of miracles Gifts of healing	Miracles Gifts of healing	Speaking (1 Peter 4:11)
Ministry / Service		Helping	Ministering (1 Peter 4:11)
Ruling / Leading with zeal		Administration	
Giving in generosity			Hospitality (1 Peter 4:9)
Mercy in cheerfulness			Good works (1 Tim 5:10)
	Various kinds of tongues Interpretation of tongues	Various kinds of tongues	

Consider the different types of biblical gifts

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- 2.
- 3.
- 4.
- 5.

All true believers will display spiritual-giftedness

