Shifting Priorities Part 2

03-06-22 *Today's Scripture* ~ 1 Peter 4:7-11

Go and Do Likewise

Though Jesus' example and direction was for us to _____, most "followers" of Jesus find it easier to receive. Luke 10:37 John 13:15-17 Acts 20:35

Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God's grace in its various forms. 1 Peter 4:10

Accepting the "*E*" Factors:

God *E*_____ every believer to serve.

A spiritual gift is given to each of us so we can help each other. All of you together are Christ's body, and each of you is a part of it. 1 Corinthians 12:7 & 27 NLT Sp. Gifts: Romans 12:6-8 / 1 Corinthians 12:8-11 / Ephesians 4:11

Sp. Gifts Heart / passion Abilities Personality Experience

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... From everyone who has been given much, much will be demanded; and from the one who has been entrusted with much. much more will be asked. Luke 12:48

He cuts off every branch in me that bears no fruit, while every branch that does bear fruit he prunes so that it will be even more fruitful. John 15:2

God designed the church to be *E*_____ as *every believer* does their part.

to equip His people for works of service, so that the body of Christ may be built up until we all reach unity in the faith and in the knowledge of the Son of God and become mature, attaining to the whole measure of the fullness of Christ. Ephesians 4:12-13

God chooses to use and bless those who are already ...

1 Peter 4:10



"faithful stewards"

Moses - tending sheep; Gideon - Threshing wheat; Elisha - Plowing the field Peter, Andrew, James & John - fishing Matthew - Collecting

It's easier to something that is already in motion.

using *W*_____ they have been given. *"received"*

Moses - staff; David - sling & harp; Widow - Jar of Oil; Dorcas - clothing

God has put things in _____ hands, on purpose.

W_____ serving. "to serve others"

Caleb - whole heartedly; Paul - poured out; Timothy - interested in others

Hearts were *not* created to be that catch, but pumps that serve.

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A Healthy Church shifts to focusing on ... **R**elationships more than **R**outine & being Contributors more than C_____.

Optional Reading:

(14 chapters)

Forgiven and Changed to Serve the Church and Beyond. **1** Corinthians 12, 13 & 16 Ephesians 1 - 6 **1** Peter 1 - 5