

the greatness principle

MESSAGE NOTES

The Abilities of Service: Discovering My S.H.A.P.E. to Serve

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Memory Verse:

“For we are God’s masterpiece. He has created us anew in Christ Jesus, so we can do the good things he planned for us long ago.” – Ephesians 2:10

HOW TO DISCOVER MY S.H.A.P.E. TO SERVE

1. IDENTIFY _____

- S _____

“In his grace, God has given us different gifts for doing certain things well. So if God has given you the ability to prophesy, speak out with as much faith as God has given you.” – Romans 12:6

☐ Administration (organizing)
☐ Discernment
☐ Encouraging
☐ Giving (financial)
☐ Leadership
☐ Shepherding (care)
☐ Teaching

☐ Pioneering (new works)
☐ Evangelism
☐ Faith (high trust in God)
☐ Hospitality
☐ Mercy
☐ Serving / Helping
☐ Wisdom / Counseling

- H _____

- A _____

- P _____

- E _____

“Do not neglect the spiritual gift you received...” – 1 Timothy 4:14

2) _____ MY GOD-GIVEN S.H.A.P.E.

- TO _____ GOD.

*“So whether you eat or drink, or whatever you do, do it all for the glory of God.”
– 1 Corinthians 10:31*

- TO _____ OTHERS.

“God has given each of you a gift from his great variety of spiritual gifts. Use them well to serve one another.” – 1 Peter 4:10

- TO BE AN _____ TO OTHERS.

“Do not neglect the spiritual gift you received through the prophecy spoken over you when the elders of the church laid their hands on you. Give your complete attention to these matters. Throw yourself into your tasks so that everyone will see your progress.” – 1 Timothy 4:14-15

- TO MAKE A _____ AND HAVE MONEY TO _____.

“Remember the Lord your God. He is the one who gives you power to be successful, in order to fulfill the covenant he confirmed to your ancestors with an oath.” – Deuteronomy 8:18

“If you are a thief, quit stealing. Instead, use your hands for good hard work, and then give generously to others in need.” – Ephesians 4:28

- TO _____ THE CHURCH.

“Their responsibility is to equip God’s people to do his work and build up the church, the body of Christ.” – Ephesians 4:12

“Do not let any part of your body become an instrument of evil to serve sin. Instead, give yourselves completely to God, for you were dead, but now you have new life. So use your whole body as an instrument to do what is right for the glory of God.” – Romans 6:13

MY NEXT STEP TODAY IS TO:

- ☐ Memorize Ephesians 2:10.
- ☐ Use my God-given S.H.A.P.E. to serve God and others.
- ☐ Based on today’s teaching, I believe my top three Spiritual Gifts are:
1) _____ 2) _____ 3) _____
- ☐ Commit to pray for our local schools (students, faculty, staff, administrators) and for opportunities to share God’s love with them.

* Join us next Sunday, September 20, at 11:00am, as we continue our teaching series, *“The Greatness Principle,”* with **The Activities of Service: Learning to Serve, Not Just be Served.**
Invite your friends and family to join us!



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