

After The Cross: You Can Make a Difference

Ephesians 2:10

Westland Baptist Church
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This weekend and tomorrow, we honor men and women who died to make a difference for you and me: Memorial Day, May 27, 2024.

Last week, we read in Romans 12:1-9 that, because Jesus died for you and me, and rescued us from Hell and to Heaven, it is 'reasonable (proper)' that we live lives that are holy and pleasing to God in service to God by serving others.

• **Spiritual Gifts - Given by God to believers to be used in the Church for God's honor and to build up the Body of Christ. Gifts are for the 'common good' of the Body of Christ.**

1 Corinthians 12:7

Now to each one the manifestation of the Spirit is given for the common good.

• **Spiritual Gifts are for service and building up the Body of Christ. Together we will 'attain the whole measure of the fullness of Christ'.**

Ephesians 4:11-13

¹¹ So Christ himself gave the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, the pastors and teachers, ¹² to equip his people for works of service, so that the body of Christ may be built up ¹³ 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.

• **Here are some of the places of service in and through Christ's Church, your church at Westland:**

A. Administration

The gift of administration is the divine strength or ability to organize multiple tasks and groups of people to accomplish these tasks.

Luke 14:28-30; Acts 6:1-7; 1 Corinthians 12:28

(A-Team, Kids Check-in, Production, Resource, Setup/Takedown)

B. Apostleship

The gift of apostleship is the divine strength or ability to pioneer new churches and ministries through planting, overseeing, and training.

Acts 15:22-35; 1 Corinthians 12:28; 2 Corinthians 12:12; Galatians 2:7-10; Ephesians 4:11-14

(Outreach, Growth Track Host, Bible Fellowship, Leadership)

C. Craftsmanship

The gift of craftsmanship is the divine strength or ability to plan, build and work with your hands in construction environments to accomplish multiple ministry applications.

Exodus 30:22, 31:3-11; 2 Chronicles 34:9-13; Acts 18:2-3

(Outreach, Westland Kids, Westland Students, Production, Set-up, Takedown)

D. Discernment

The gift of discernment is the divine strength or ability to between right and wrong motives and situations. spiritually identify falsehood and to distinguish

Matthew 16:21-23; Acts 5:1-11, 16:16-18; 1 Corinthians 12:10; 1 John 4:1-6

(Growth Track Host, Kids Check-In, Prayer, Bible Fellowship, Leadership,

Ushers)

E. Evangelism

The gift of evangelism is the divine strength or ability to help non-Christians take the necessary steps to become Christ followers.

Acts 8:5-6, 8:26-40, 14:21, 21:8; Ephesians 4:11-14

(Outreach, Westland Students, Prayer, Bible Fellowship Leadership)

F. Exhortation

The gift of exhortation is the divine strength or ability to encourage others through the written or spoken word and Biblical truth.

Acts 14:22; Romans 12:8; Timothy 4:13; Hebrews 10:24-25

(Campus Host, Dream Team Host, Events, Greeters, Growth Track Host, Westland Kids, Westland Students, Kids Check-In, Nest Steps Information, Nursery/Preschool, Parking Team, Bible Fellowship Leadership, Ushers)

G. Faith

The gift of faith is the divine strength or ability to believe in God for the unseen supernatural results in every area of life.

Acts 11:22-24; Romans 4:18-21; 1 Corinthians 12:9; Hebrews 11

(All Teams)

H. Giving

The gift of giving is the divine strength or ability to produce wealth and to give by tithes and offerings for the purpose of advancing the Kingdom of God on earth.

Acts 11:22-24; Romans 4:18-21; 1 Corinthians 12:9; Hebrews 11

(All Teams)

I. Healing

The gift to pray in faith, specifically for people who need physical, emotional, or spiritual healing and see God answer. The ability to sense when God is prompting you to pray this kind of power.

J. Helps

The gift of helps is the divine strength or ability to work in a supportive role for the accomplishment of tasks in Christian ministry.

Mark 15:40-41; Acts 9:36; Romans 16:1-2; 1 Corinthians 12:28

(Dream Team, Campus Host, Outreach, Dream Team Host, Events, Responders, Next Steps Information, Resource)

K. Hospitality

The gift of hospitality is the divine strength or ability to create warm, welcoming environments for others in places such as your home, office, or church.

Acts 16:14-15; Romans 12:13, 16:23; Hebrews 13:1-2; 1 Peter 4:9

(Baptism, Campus Host, Dream Team Host, Events, Greeters, Growth Track Host, Westland Students, Kids Check-in, Next Steps Information, Parking Team, Ushers)

L. Intercession

The gift of intercession is the divine strength or ability to stand in the gap in prayer for someone, something, or someplace believing for profound results.

Hebrews 7:25; Colossians 1:9-12, 4:12-13; James 5:14-16

(Prayer, Bible Fellowship Leadership)

M. Knowledge

The gift of Knowledge is the divine strength or ability to understand and to bring clarity through situations and circumstances often accompanied by a word from God.

Acts 5:1-11; Colossians 2:2-3

(Prayer, Bible Fellowship Leadership, Deacons, Resource Team)

N. Leadership

The gift of leadership is the divine strength or ability to influence people at their level while directing and focusing them on the big picture, vision, or idea.

Romans 12:8; 1 Timothy 3:1-13, 5:17; Hebrews 13:17 (Bible

Fellowship Leadership, All Teams)

O. Mercy

The gift of mercy is the divine strength or ability to feel empathy and to care for those who are hurting in any way.

Matthew 9:35-36; Mark 9:41; Romans 12:8; 1 Thessalonians 5:14

(Outreach , Bible Fellowship Leadership)

P. Miracles

The gift of miracles is the divine strength or ability to alter the natural outcomes of life in a supernatural way through prayer, faith, and divine direction.

Acts 9:36-42, 19:11-12, 20:7-12; Romans 15:18-19; 1 Corinthians 12:10, 28

(Prayer)

Q. Missionary

The missionary gift is the divine strength or ability to reach others outside of your culture and nationality, while in most cases living in that culture or nation.

Acts 8:4, 13:2-3, 22:21; Romans 10:15

(Outreach, Bible Fellowship Leadership)

R. Music/Worship

The gift of music/worship is the divine strength or ability to sing, dance, or play an instrument primarily for the purpose of helping others worship God.

Deuteronomy 31:22; 1 Samuel 16:16; 1 Chronicles 16:41-42; 2 Chronicles 5:12-13, 34:12,

Psalm 150

(Westland Kids, Westland Students, Westland Worship, Nursery/Preschool, Bible Fellowship Leadership)

S. Pastor/ Shepherd

The gift of pastor/ shepherd is the divine strength or ability to care for the personal needs of others by nurturing and mending life issues.

John 10:1-18; Ephesians 4:11-14; 1 Timothy 3:1-7; 1 Peter 5:1-3

(Outreach, Growth Track Host, Westland Kids, Westland Students, Bible Fellowship Leadership, Ushers.)

T. Prophecy

The gift of Prophecy is the divine strength or ability to boldly speak and bring clarity to scripture and doctrinal truth, in some cases foretelling God's plan.

Acts 2:37-40, 7:51-53, 26:24-29; 1 Corinthians 14:1-4; 1 Thessalonians 1:5

(Prayer, Bible Fellowship)

U. Service

The gift of serving is the divine strength or ability to do small or great task in working for the overall good of the body of Christ.

John 10:1-18; Ephesians 4:11-14; 1 Timothy 3:1-7; 1 Peter 5:1-3

(Outreach, Growth Track Host, Westland Kids, Westland Students, Bible Fellowship Leadership, Usher.)

V. Teaching

The gift of teaching is the divine strength or ability to study and learn from The Scriptures primarily to bring understanding and growth to other Christians.

Acts 18:24-28, 20:20-21, 1 Corinthians 12:28, Ephesians 4:11-14

(Bible Fellowship Leadership)

W. Wisdom

The gift of wisdom is the divine Strength or ability to apply truths of scripture in a practical way, producing a fruitful outcome and the character of Jesus Christ.

Acts 6:3, 10 1 Corinthians 2:6-13, 12:8.

(Outreach, Westland Worship, Prayer, Bible Fellowship Leadership,
Ushers)

DREAM TEAM LEADERS

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- **God has done, is doing and will continue to do His good and WONDER-FULL work in Your life.**

Philippians 1:6 "...being confident of this, that he who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus."

- **God knew you before you were you! He created you and gifted you for such a time as this!**

Psalm 139:13-16

¹³For you created my inmost being;

you knit me together in my mother's womb.

¹⁴I praise you because I am fearfully and wonderfully made;

your works are wonderful,

I know that full well.

¹⁵My frame was not hidden from you

when I was made in the secret place,

when I was woven together in the depths of the earth.

¹⁶Your eyes saw my unformed body;

all the days ordained for me were written in your book

before one of them came to be.

- **You have a reason to live, a purpose to fulfill. God invites you into fulfilling His work on Earth!**