EVERY SAINT IS A SERVANT

SELECTED SCRIPTURE

<u>GOAL</u>: To urge the church toward full commitment in service

PRINCIPLE: Pertinent (relevant to this church's current needs) Gifts to Excel in or to Imitate

I. The Gift of Serving (Romans 12:4-8; 1 Peter 4:11)

The "How?" of Serving Faithfully:

II. The Gift of Teaching/Counseling (Rom. 12:7b; Rom. 15:14; 1 Peter 4:11b)

The "How?" of Teaching Faithfully:

III. The Gift of Generosity (Romans 12:8b)

The "How?" of Giving Generously

MEDITATION:

1. Stewardship: (1 Peter 4:10; 1 Corinthians 4:2)

What God has entrusted to you is called a stewardship

Your duty is to manage it by caring for it and using it

A good steward makes full use of his master's good as his representative

2. Evaluation: (Matthew 25:14-30)

Luke 19, verses 12-27 is similar but it was a story of judgment

Present judgment on the people

Matthew 25 is recorded where Christ testified of the last and final days

Final judgment on the wicked servant

Who refused to obey his Master

PARTICIPATION:

1. Get Involved. Let the local church know you are ready to serve (info@graceoflongbeach.org)

2. Grow in the Gift by using it in an informed manner. For example, gifts like administration can be improved upon biblically and practically through training. Give God your best in every way

3. Do not neglect the gift. Because Christ imparts the gifts, He expects a return on that gift. Get counsel from your pastor. When Christ returns, you want to be found faithfully using that gift for His church