



Wednesday, January 8<sup>th</sup>, 2020

**Teaching Series:** Rediscover

**Subject:** Membership and Ministry

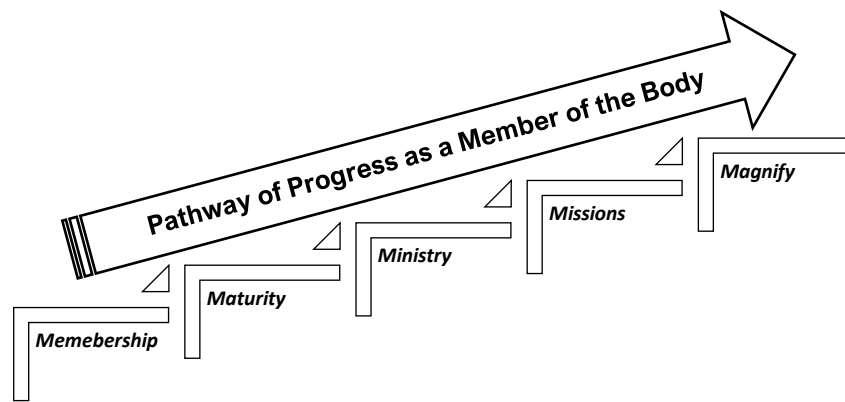
**Romans 12:1 – 8 (NKJV)** – “<sup>1</sup> I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that you present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable to God, which is your reasonable service. <sup>2</sup> And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, that you may prove what is that good and acceptable and perfect will of God. <sup>3</sup> For I say, through the grace given to me, to everyone who is among you, not to think of himself more highly than he ought to think, but to think soberly, as God has dealt to each one a measure of faith. <sup>4</sup> For as we have many members in one body, but all the members do not have the same function, <sup>5</sup> so we, being many, are one body in Christ, and individually members of one another. <sup>6</sup> Having then gifts differing according to the grace that is given to us, let us use them: if prophecy, let us prophesy in proportion to our faith; <sup>7</sup> or ministry, let us use it in our ministering; he who teaches, in teaching; <sup>8</sup> he who exhorts, in exhortation; he who gives, with liberality; he who leads, with diligence; he who shows mercy, with cheerfulness.”

**1 Corinthians 7:7 (NKJV)** – “For I wish that all men were even as I myself. But **each one has his own gift from God, one in this manner and another in that.**”

- The Bible teaches that everyone is \_\_\_\_\_. Our giftedness is the unique way we think, feel, and \_\_\_\_\_. It's the way God made or wired us.
- We all have God-given personalities that affect our natural motivations and Divine enablement's.
- Basically, we all have been uniquely shaped (**S.H.A.P.E.**) by God! We each are significant and necessary to the complete the \_\_\_\_\_ (Who we are to BE) and \_\_\_\_\_ (What we are to DO) of the Church.
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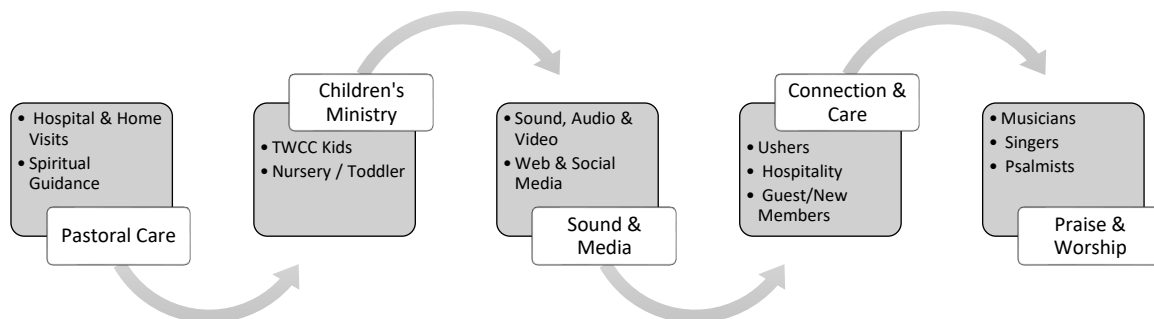
#### GIFTS AND GRACES IN THE BODY:

- \_\_\_\_\_ **OF THE SPIRIT:** Greek = “Phanerosis” (**Read 1 Corinthians 12:7 – 11; 27 - 31**): an expression; manifestation. **Revelation Gifts** [Gifts that REVEAL SOMETHING] = (1) Word of Wisdom (2) Word of Knowledge and (3) Discerning of Spirits; **Power Gifts** [Gifts that DO SOMETHING] = (1) Special Faith (2) Working of Miracles and (3) Gifts of Healings; **Utterance/Vocal Gifts** [Gifts that SAY SOMETHING] = (1) Prophecy (2) Divers Kinds of Tongues and (3) Interpretation of Tongues.
- \_\_\_\_\_ **GIFTS:** Greek = “Charisma” (**Romans 12** and **Ephesians 4:7**): a Divine gratuity; a spiritual endowment; free gift; the gift of Divine grace; benefit; gracious, joy gift; [grace or gifts denoting extraordinary powers, distinguishing certain Christians and enabling them to serve the Church (Body) of Christ, the reception of which is due to the power of Divine grace operating on their souls by the Holy Spirit]. (1) Prophecy (2) Ministry (3) Teaching (4) Exhort [Encouragement] (5) Giving (6) Ruling [Administration] and (7) Showing Mercy
- \_\_\_\_\_ **GIFTS:** Greek – “Doma” (**Ephesians 4:8, 11**): ministry; ministration; administration; governing [ruling] = (1) Apostles (2) Prophets (3) Evangelists (4) Pastors and (5) Teachers



### MINISTRIES WITHIN THE CHURCH:

- 7 Prominent Ministries in the Local Church by the Help (Anointing) of Holy Spirit and Grace of God Working Through the Believer:
  - (1) **Ministry of the Word** (Acts 6:4; 2 Timothy 4:1 – 2)
    - Who is Needed to Do This?
  - (2) **Ministry of Prayer** (Act 6:4; 1 Timothy 2:1 – 8; Ephesians 6:18-20)
    - Who is Needed to Do This?
  - (3) **Ministry of Reconciliation** (2 Corinthians 5:18 – 20)
    - Who is Needed to Do This?
  - (4) **Ministry of Restoration** (Galatians 6:1, 2)
    - Who is Needed to Do This?
  - (5) **Ministry of Helps** (1 Corinthians 12:28)
    - Who is Needed to Do This?
  - (6) **Ministry of Encouragement** (Acts 27:22; 1 Thessalonians 4:1; 1 Thessalonians 5:14; 2 Thessalonians 3:12; Titus 1:9; Titus 2:15; Hebrews 3:13)
    - Who is Needed to Do This?
  - (7) **Ministry of Comfort [Consolation]** (2 Corinthians 1:3 – 7; 1 Thessalonians 4:13 – 18)
    - Who is Needed to Do This?
- **Other Specific Ministries at TWCC:**
  - **Other Active:** (1) Discipleship & Development Ministry (SOTB, Volunteer & Leadership Development); (2) Women's Ministry; (3) Business, Finance & Accounting (Offering Counting, Church Finance & Accounting, Taxes, Insurance and Legal); (4) Church Administration (Communications, Church Calendar and Event Planning, Intranet, Volunteer Scheduling & Service Planning, Church Office Management) and (5) Cleaning & Maintenance
  - **Major Active Ministries:** (see diagram below)



## COMPACTING OF THE BODY

**Ephesians 4:15 – 16 (NLT)** – “<sup>15</sup>Instead, we will speak the truth in love, growing in every way more and more like Christ, who is the head of his body, the church. <sup>16</sup>He makes the whole body fit together perfectly. As each part does its own special work, it helps the other parts grow, so that the whole body is healthy and growing and full of love.”

- We have been knitted \_\_\_\_\_ in Jesus. Once covenant has been made, you're never a single person again. We comprehend God together. Isolation and independence are not God's plan for us. We relinquish and are to lay down our “me-ness” and pick-up and take on a “we-ness”.
- The \_\_\_\_\_ is our Divine Calling. To minister to Jesus, the Body, is the calling of every joint in the Body. The ministry of the Body is \_\_\_\_\_.
- Manifestations of the Holy Spirit are given to minister to Jesus by ministering to His Body.

## UNDERSTANDING YOUR VISION AND OUR VISION

**Proverbs 29:18 (KJV)** – “Where there is no vision, the people perish...”

- The word “perish” here does not mean to die physically. From the original Greek text, it means “to be stripped of honor and dignity.” We can conclude therefore, that vision is the pathway to honor and dignity.
- Knowing where you are going and what to do to get there generates confidence. Vision means to \_\_\_\_\_ – it is Redemptive Revelation of God. In our context, it means to see ahead. It is the ability to have a pre-knowledge of an upcoming event.
- It is more interesting to know that God has a plan for His people both as a body and as individuals. We serve a decent and orderly God. He is not the author of confusion. He is a God of PLANS and PURPOSES.
- **Jeremiah 1:5 (KJV)** – “Before I formed thee in the belly I knew thee; and before thou comest forth out of the womb I sanctified thee, and I ordained thee a prophet unto the nations.”
- **Galatians 1:15 (KJV)** – “But when it pleased God, who separated me from my mother's womb, and called me by His grace.”
- **As a member of the body, you are a steward of a particular function.** GOD \_\_\_\_\_ YOU TO CARRY OUT THIS FUNCTION. THIS IS STEWARDSHIP. IT IS NOT LIMITED TO THE PULPIT.
- MINISTRY IS OCCUPYING YOUR \_\_\_\_\_ AS ASSIGNED BY GOD.
- YOU HAVE A MINISTRY AND IT IS YOUR JOB TO DISCOVER IT! THE FUTURE OF EVERY BELIEVER DEPENDS ON THE DISCOVERY OF HIS OR HER \_\_\_\_\_.
- Have you come across a body which is just one big eye? Or one which is one big mouth? No! A body is made up of different members. Know this: No calling is of a \_\_\_\_\_ status. **Every calling, every function is a \_\_\_\_\_ calling.** Every calling culminates in glory. Every member of a king's body has a royal aroma. Our Church becomes triumphant, supernatural and glorious when every member takes their \_\_\_\_\_, flows and functions in their God-given \_\_\_\_\_ and runs their ordained \_\_\_\_\_ and serves as a \_\_\_\_\_.

## ACTIVATE YOUR ANOINTING

- What is the Anointing again? – **Isaiah 10:28** (The burden removing, yoke destroying power of God)
- The \_\_\_\_\_ is a Divine endowment given by the Holy Spirit rendering believers' holy and separated unto God for their particular work in the ministry.
- Further, the Anointing symbolizes equipment (God-given gifts, talents, and abilities) for service. **Every believer has been allocated and anointed to activate his God-given \_\_\_\_\_, TALENTS, and ABILITIES.**

## HOW TO ACTIVATE YOUR ANOINTING

- **1st** – The Holy Spirit is the agent in sanctification (**2 Thessalonians 2:13**). If you have received Jesus Christ as your personal Lord and Savior, you have been \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ unto God by the Holy Spirit.
- **2nd** – The \_\_\_\_\_ and increase of the anointing comes by the infilling of the Holy Spirit (**Acts 2:4; Acts 13:52; Ephesians 5:18**) Never mistake your receiving the infilling of the Holy Spirit with the evidence of tongues as the end of the journey. This is just an introduction to the workings of the Holy Spirit in your life.
  - The Anointing is the force of the \_\_\_\_\_ of God operating in and on an individual. It is the power of the Holy Spirit, the Enabler.
  - WITHOUT THE ANOINTING OF THE HOLY SPIRIT, EVERY ASSIGNMENT BECOMES \_\_\_\_\_! THE ANOINTING IS A DIVINE “EASE” TO MAKE MINISTRY TRIUMPHANT NOT “TASK”-ORIENTED AND HEAVY-LADEN! **Read 1 Corinthians 2:1 – 5 [Amplified]**
- **3rd** – Revelation is an aspect of the \_\_\_\_\_. The Holy Spirit reveals God's plan (step upon step) and teaches the believer how to execute it. The only way a believer can hear the Holy Spirit reveal God's plan for his life is to STEP OUT AND BECOME \_\_\_\_\_ IN A LOCAL BODY (Church). A believer's God-given gifts, talents, and abilities are the body of Christ. **Acts 13:1** – The gifts operate in the

- **4th** – The only way a believer can find his equipment (God-given gifts, talents, and abilities) for service is by \_\_\_\_\_ them.
- Many believers are waiting until they see physical proof of their abilities before getting involved in the church. The equipment for service received from the Father God is activated by \_\_\_\_\_. These gifts, talents, and abilities are supernatural and cannot be seen with your natural eye. When you use them, they become tangibly manifest – fruit is produced, and things get done with sweat less ease and excellence.
- **5th** – The crucial key to operating in your gifts, talents, and abilities is being \_\_\_\_\_ in a local church.
- YOU ARE THE EXTENDED \_\_\_\_\_ OF THE LOCAL CHURCH!
  - ***Your entire lifestyle is a witness for the Lord Jesus Christ!***
  - Every believer has an anointing that abides within him permanently. The anointing you have received from the Holy Spirit is Divine calling. God has separated you unto Himself for a particular work here on earth.
  - ***Stepping out without your anointing is like going out to play football without your equipment.*** Your flesh will soon realize it can't handle the punishment.
  - The anointing is God's "Protection and Provision Plan" for believers enabling them to fulfill their calling and Divine assignment. The anointing protects and provides!

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