

IMPACT

DEFINE THE RELATIONSHIP



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**“I HAVE COME THAT
THEY MAY HAVE LIFE,
AND HAVE IT TO THE FULL.”**



JOHN 10:10

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Impact guides you to discover your redemptive purpose and live the life God wants for you. Our process is designed in three steps, which guide you how to Know God, Find Freedom, Discover Your Purpose, and Make a Mark with Your Life.

STEP ONE – DEFINE THE RELATIONSHIP

Come and hear the vision and story of Citymark Church. You'll get to meet some of our pastoral team, and others who are relatively new just like you! This ninety-minute class explores what it means to be in relationship with Jesus and his Church. (An opportunity to become a member of Citymark is provided, but is not a requirement.)

STEP TWO – DISCOVER YOUR DESIGN

Dive into the details of your personality, discover your gifts, and see how your design reveals your purpose in life and your best fit in ministry. We'll help you find a place to connect and serve on one of our volunteer Dream Teams to make an eternal impact.

STEP THREE – DEVELOP YOUR INFLUENCE

(Offered in Connect Group Semester)

This 10-week experience will take you on a journey of learning how you can strengthen your character and gifting to maximize your God-given influence and fulfill your potential. You'll connect with others, grow spiritually and learn about core values for Christian living that shape the culture and DNA of Citymark Church. We've designed the class with a desire to help you develop friendships through a small group experience.





"Work for the good of the cities where I have sent you to and pray to the Lord for this. For if it is well with the city you live in, it will be well with you."

JEREMIAH 29:7

THE BIRTH OF A DREAM

Citymark was born in the heart of God and in the heart of Pastor Steven Yoes. He had a simple conviction that most people are drawn to Jesus, but they often feel they just can't connect with His church. We want to change that!

We're not big on rituals and rules. We're not judgmental. We're not into hype. We're not even into ourselves. But we're really into loving people, because people matter to God! We're all about living authentic Christianity with humility and relevance... always accessible to spiritual seekers, while deeply rooted in biblical conviction.

We believe a church like this shouldn't be hard to find. And so, Citymark Church was born—a contemporary, Bible-based, Spirit-empowered church in League City, Texas.

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OUR NAME & MISSION

Bringing the goodness of Jesus to our homes, our cities and our world.

JEREMIAH 29:7

Homes... cities... the world. What do they all have in common? People. It's all about relationship—an intimate relationship with God through Jesus Christ that overflows into authentic, loving relationships with people. That will impact homes. Homes impact cities. Cities impact the world! It's a big job, but it's profoundly simple!

THE LAUNCH

Citymark officially launched in 2012 in a Junior High School and quickly grew to 150 people. Since then, Citymark has grown to over 1,400 people in weekly worship.

Citymark is vibrant, healthy and growing. But our focus is always on filling people with God, not simply filling buildings with people. We regularly see lives transformed as God draws ordinary people to Himself and introduces them to His extraordinary purpose for their lives.

THE INVITATION

Come make your mark . . . Everything we do is a reflection of our heart to help people of all economic, social and ethnic backgrounds to genuinely encounter Jesus Christ and the fulfilling life he offers. In response, we want our lives to matter . . . to leave a lasting legacy that only God could accomplish through us. **As he impacts everything about us, we aim to impact everyone around us.** That's the heartbeat of Citymark Church.

THE FUTURE

We are now in the process of purchasing land and designing our first permanent campus and a new 40-50K sq. ft. building including a 1,200 seat (est.) worship center, children's and student centers, cafe and bookstore, and large indoor-outdoor commons spaces for gathering and building relationships.

Be sure to get a Make Your Mark packet to see how you can get involved. We also have a website that you can look at. makeyourmark.church

THE CITYMARK DNA: OUR TEN CORE VALUES

WORSHIP DOWN HERE AS THEY WORSHIP UP THERE

Worship is done right in heaven, and we want our worship here to mirror there. We are created with an insatiable need to worship, and when we offer ourselves fully to God, we experience our ultimate purpose in life. That's why we choose to love God by offering our heart, mind, will emotions and bodies as vessels of worship. When we do, we experience his irresistible, manifest presence. It's about an interaction, a relational encounter with the God who rewards those who seek him with all their heart.

WE PRAY FIRST

Prayer is not our last resort but our first response. Too often we don't have because we don't ask. We choose not to rely on our own understanding but to acknowledge and ask God first, knowing he promises to meet our every need and to make our path straight and successful!

WE'RE PEOPLE PEOPLE---PERIOD

The church exists for real people who are still in process: broken, hurting, imperfect, messy people. And in the mess, God does his greatest miracles. We will love and live for these people because Jesus died for these people.

FOUND PEOPLE FIND PEOPLE

When you lose something valuable, you don't stop looking for it. People are invaluable and they matter to God. We will never stop looking for the people Jesus is looking for. We will never stop inviting and bringing the lost back home. We will never stop growing his family.

WE GIVE 5-STAR KINGDOM SERVICE

When you experience a great place, coupled with great service, you can't stop talking about it. We believe in serving people with excellence because Jesus is excellent, and people are worth our best--and his! So we don't just do what is expected. We go beyond. We go the extra mile. When we do, Jesus' church becomes irresistible and rightly shines as his Dream Team in the earth!

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WE PROTECT OUR OWN GARDEN

Good seed can't grow in bad soil. Legalism, judgmentalism and division are like rocks and weeds that destroy God's garden. But when our hearts are soft and receptive to the Holy Spirit, good fruit just grows—things like affection for others and peace. We make loyal commitments and see things through. We become gentle, kind, and compassionate. not forcing our way in life. Our actions and attitudes bring life to people, because of the life-giving gospel that is feeding our garden.

WE HONOR UP, DOWN & ALL AROUND

Jesus' power was limited when people limited honor. But when people honor one another & live in unity, God commands powerful blessings. We choose to speak words that bring life and build up, never tearing down. We will honor God's leaders and God's house so that we will have God's honor on our house.

IT'S JESUS AND US, NOT JESUS AND ME

No one followed Jesus alone. If you joined him, you joined his team. Jesus said it's impossible to love God without loving his people. That's why we meet regularly in small groups to share life together—the ups and the downs—and to encourage one another to mature into healthy, free Christ-followers.

WE GIVE OUTRAGEOUSLY BECAUSE HE GAVE OUTRAGEOUSLY

God so loved us that he gave . . . his Son. Jesus gave up everything for us. He taught us that the measure we use when giving is the measure that will be used to give back to us. We want to break the power of greed in our lives and invest generously in God's Kingdom by giving freely from our resources—time, talent, and treasure.

WE ARE NATURALLY SUPERNATURAL

Without the Holy Spirit's power and activity, we just have our own powerless activity. So we depend on and diligently seek the presence and power of the Holy Spirit to supernaturally minister through us in healthy, natural ways--without hype or manipulation.

WHAT WE BELIEVE

1. IN THE 'ESSENTIALS' OF THE CHRISTIAN FAITH WE MUST HAVE _____.

The Apostles Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy universal Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

2. IN THE 'NON-ESSENTIALS' WE EMBRACE _____.

Accept him whose faith is weak, without passing judgment on disputable matters... who are you to judge someone else's servant? To his own master he stand or falls... so then each of us will give an account of himself to God... so whatever you believe about these things keeps between yourself and God.

Romans 14:1, 4, 12, 22

3. IN ALL OUR BELIEFS, WE SHOW _____.

You can't show the love of God with a clenched fist.

Our statement of faith can be found online at citymarkchurch.org/about-us/our-beliefs or in the back of this booklet

CITYMARK CHURCH PURPOSE

We believe God has always had it in His heart to take people on a four-step spiritual journey:

"Therefore, say to the Israelites: 'I am the Lord, and I will bring you out from under the yoke of the Egyptians. I will free you from being slaves to them, and I will redeem you with an outstretched arm and with mighty acts of judgment. I will take you as my own people, and I will be your God. Then you will know that I am the Lord your God, who brought you out from under the yoke of the Egyptians.'"

Exodus 6:6-7 NIV

1. _____.
2. _____.
3. _____.
4. _____.



WE ORGANIZE OURSELVES AROUND THESE FOUR STEPS

KNOW GOD

I. KNOW GOD - _____.

We consider reaching people who do not know God personally one of our greatest responsibilities. Our Sunday services are for people at all stages in their spiritual journey but are primarily geared toward those who do not have a genuine relationship with God.

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HOW TO SHARE CHRIST WITH OTHERS

One of our primary purposes is to reach people far from God. Every one of us can do our part by following these three principles:

1. Build a personal _____ .

2. Share your personal _____ .

3. Give a personal _____ .

- Sit with Me on Sunday
- Social Media @citymarkchurch
- Big Event/Invite Days

II. _____ MINISTRIES.

- **CityKids:** Weekend Experience
- **Student Ministry:** MVMNT - Middle School, High School, 2nd, 3rd & 4th Wednesday nights at 7pm
- **CYA:** Citymark Young Adults - Age 18 - 29 Tuesday nights at 7pm

III. _____ SERVICES.

Encounter is an incredible worship experience the first Wednesday of each month. Encounter is all about experiencing God's life-giving presence! During special times of prayer, ministry, communion and powerfully engaging worship, you'll grow your faith and relationship with God to new heights as you experience his love and power in your life in a fresh, dynamic and personal way!

IV. 21 DAYS _____ .

- January
- August/September

FIND FREEDOM & FLOURISH

FIND FREEDOM & FLOURISH – _____.

We believe real life change happens in the context of relationships, which is why we are a church made up of connect groups. In the Bible, they worshiped in the temple, but personal ministry happened house to house.

“You know that I have not hesitated to preach anything that would be helpful to you but have taught you publicly and from house to house.”

Acts 20:20

CONNECT GROUPS PROVIDE THREE THINGS:

1. A PLACE TO _____ WITH OTHERS.

“...yes, whatever a person is like, I try to find common ground with him so he will let me tell him about Christ and let Christ save him.”

1 Corinthians 9:22 LB

2. A PLACE TO _____ EACH OTHER.

“We know what real love is because Jesus gave up his life for us. So we also ought to give up our lives for our brothers and sisters.”

1 John 3:16 NLT

3. A PLACE TO _____ TOGETHER.

“As iron sharpens iron, so one person sharpens another.”

Proverbs 27:17

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HOW CONNECT GROUPS WORK

A connect group is an intentional gathering of people who connect with each other on a regular basis. Groups are formed with people who share similar interests, who are at a similar stage in life, or with others who have experience in an area in which group members would like to grow. Our connect groups meet once a week in locations all around our city, and with so many groups to choose from, we are sure there is a group out there for you. Connect groups are also where we pray, care for one another, and are missed if we don't show up.

FOUR THINGS YOU SHOULD KNOW ABOUT CONNECT GROUPS:

1. OUR GROUPS ARE “FREE MARKET.”

“Free market” simply means group leaders are free to use their gifts and interests to choose when and where their group meets and what they meet about. From soccer groups and lunch groups to Bible studies and coffee meet-ups, our groups are as varied as we are.

Most of our groups fall into one of eight categories:

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| 1. Women | 2. Men | 3. Marriage | 4. Students |
| 5. Prayer | 6. Outreach | 7. Financial | 8. Freedom |

2. WE HAVE TWO (SOMETIMES THREE) SEMESTERS EACH YEAR.

Life flows in seasons, and we want to make it easy for you to be in the right connect group for you in each season. This is why we have new groups that start and stop three times a year in what we refer to as “semesters.” Our group semesters are winter/spring (January-May), summer (June-July), and fall (September-December).

3. YOU NEED A GROUP.

We would love for you to get connected in a connect group. You will get an initial group experience during the seven weeks of the Step 3 class. After you’ve completed that, you can join a new group each subsequent semester. To find the right group for you, simply visit citymarkchurch.org/connect-groups to search our online directory of groups or visit the Information desk. Once you find a few groups that interest you, contact the leaders to learn more and make plans to check them out in person.

4. YOU CAN HOST A GROUP.

We believe everyone has areas of strength and gifting that can benefit others, and hosting a connect group is a great way to make meaningful connections. The first step toward becoming a connect group leader is to complete Step 3 of IMPACT and then to attend the Connect Group Leader Training. Once you have your own group experience in IMPACT Step 3, you’ll see how simple it is to start and host a group.

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DISCOVER PURPOSE

III. DISCOVER PURPOSE – _____.

Impact offers the information and experiences necessary to help you discover and develop your redemptive purpose and live the full life God wants for you. Our process is designed in three steps:

STEP ONE – DEFINE THE RELATIONSHIP

Explores what it means to be in committed relationship with Jesus and his Church.

STEP TWO – DISCOVER YOUR DESIGN

Dive into the details of your personality, discover your gifts, and see how your design reveals your purpose in life and your best fit in ministry. We'll help you find a place to connect and serve on one of our volunteer Dream Teams to make an eternal impact.

STEP THREE – DEVELOP YOUR INFLUENCE

This 7-week experience will take you on a journey of learning how you can strengthen your character and gifting to maximize your God-given influence and fulfill your potential. You'll connect with others, grow spiritually and learn about core values for Christian living that shape the culture and DNA of Citymark Church. We've designed the class with a desire to help you develop friendships through a small group experience.

"Let us move beyond the elementary teachings about Christ and be taken forward to maturity."

Hebrews 6:1

"I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full."

John 10:10

MAKE A DIFFERENCE

All of us were created by God to make a difference in the life of another person. God has a place for you where your unique abilities and passions can touch the lives of others. We believe your life will never make sense until you find, develop and fulfill that purpose.

"For we are God's handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do."

Ephesians 2:10

"However, I consider my life worth nothing to me, if only I may finish the race and complete the task the Lord Jesus has given me."

Acts 20:24

"Now God gives us many kinds of special abilities...and there are different kinds of service to God [ministry]...All of you together are the one Body of Christ and each of you is a separate and necessary part of it."

1 Corinthians 12:4-5, 27 LB

YOU CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE IN FOUR STRATEGIC AREAS:

1. _____.

- Every member is a _____.
- Every task is _____.
- Every member is a "10" in _____.

COMPLETE IMPACT STEP 2

DISCOVER YOUR DESIGN AND JOIN THE DREAM TEAM!

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INFLUENCE THE WORLD

Our Mission: Bringing the goodness of Jesus to our homes, our cities and our world.

"Work for the good of the cities where I have sent you to and pray to the Lord for this. For if it is well with the city you live in, it will be well with you."

Jeremiah 29:7 NIV

We set aside a minimum of 10% of all general fund revenues to support local outreach and global missions.

2. _____.

"...let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven."

Matthew 5:16

We currently mark our city with the goodness of Jesus by serving:

1. Our Schools.
2. Our Neighborhoods.
3. Our Hospitals.
4. Our Orphans.
5. Our Single Parents.
6. Our Prisons.

"Mark the City" All-Serve Days

These are a few Saturdays set aside each year (one per quarter on average) to impact our city with the goodness of Jesus through random acts of service or special community outreach events.

These may include:

- Fall – Intentional Acts of Service
- Winter – Holiday in the Park/Parade/Community Outreach
- Spring – Pre-Easter Intentional Acts of Service & Eggstravaganza
- Spring/Summer – Mega-Men's Summit Outreach

STEP ONE

3. _____.

"Jesus said to His followers, 'Go everywhere in the world, and tell the Good News to everyone.'"

Mark 16:15 NCV

We currently reach our world in several ways:

1. Supporting our Missionaries (Currently: France, Ethiopia, South Africa, the Middle East)
 - Financial support
 - Care packages
 - Emails, letters & prayer
 - Churchwide updates & videos
2. Facilitating International Mission Trips.
3. Supporting our Church Planters.
4. Teaching International Conferences.
5. Teaching on Satellite Television.

4. _____.

The Bible makes it clear: everything we have is a gift. We're never more like Jesus than when we're generous; it's fundamental to God's character. We're not owners, we're stewards.

GOD OWNS IT ALL.

The earth is the Lord's, and everything in it, the world, and all who live in it;

PSALM 24:1

GOD DOESN'T WANT SOMETHING FROM US. HE WANTS SOMETHING FOR US.

"Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moths and vermin destroy, and where thieves break in and steal. But store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where moths and vermin do not destroy, and where thieves do not break in and steal. For where your treasure is, there your heart will also be."

MATTHEW 6:19-21

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TITHE

Tithe simply means “one tenth”. We believe in the biblical mandate of returning 10% of our income to God as an act of worship and obedience. When we live with open hands we believe that God will use what we give for His kingdom and also, return blessing to us but we have to have open hands and hearts to receive that blessing.

Bring all the tithes into the storehouse so there will be enough food in my Temple. If you do,” says the Lord of Heaven’s Armies, “I will open the windows of heaven for you. I will pour out a blessing so great you won’t have enough room to take it in! Try it! Put me to the test! Your crops will be abundant, for I will guard them from insects and disease. Your grapes will not fall from the vine before they are ripe,” says the Lord of Heaven’s Armies.

Malachi 3:10-11

GIVING & CHURCH FINANCES

OUR CHURCH BUDGET REFLECTS THE PRINCIPLE OF SPEND. SOW. SAVE.

OUR BUDGET: _____ / _____ / _____

(Spend 80%; Tithe 10% to Missions; Save 10%)

➔ **JUST START:** _____

“On the first day of every week, each one of you should set aside a sum of money in keeping with his income, saving it up, so that when I come no collections will have to be made.”

1 Corinthians 16:2

➔ **JOIN THE LEGACY TEAM**



OUR LEADERSHIP STRUCTURE

Believers who invest their hearts, time, families and finances in the building of a local church deserve to have confidence in church leadership. We take seriously the reality that people expect leaders who conduct themselves with integrity, respect and create a culture of honor when making decisions that affect their lives.

DEFINE THE RELATIONSHIP

OUR CHURCH GOVERNMENT IS MADE UP OF TWO GROUPS OF LEADERS:

1. GUIDED AND PROTECTED BY _____.

The Pastoral (Elder) team is led and overseen by the Senior Pastor. The biblical model for pastoral leadership is what we would call “Singular Headship with a Plurality of Elders.” This model of leadership empowers the Senior Pastor to lead and serve as the primary source of vision and direction for the church. He is supported in that call by a team (plurality) of Pastor-Elders who assist him in accomplishing the vision God has given him by providing wisdom, support, accountability, counsel and service as needed.



STEVEN YOES
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MIKE LABERGE
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ELDER PARTICIPANT



MIKE PHILLIPS
CITYMARK ELDER



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CITYMARK ELDER

2. STRENGTHENED BY _____.

The Staff Ministry Team serves according to the direction, vision, and financial parameters set by the Elders. This staff team works diligently to lead & oversee the day-to-day ministries of the church and to empower every church member to carry out those ministries according to their gifting and calling.

STAFF INFORMATION AND NAMES ARE ON OUR WEBSITE: WWW.CITYMARKCHURCH.ORG

3. THE MINISTRY IS IMPLEMENTED BY THE _____.

BECOME A MEMBER

At Citymark Church we recognize the need for a formal membership. We ask you to commit to membership for four reasons:

1. A BIBLICAL REASON: CHRIST IS _____ TO THE CHURCH.

EPHESIANS 5:25 ...just as Christ loved the church, and gave himself up for her.

2. A CULTURAL REASON: IT IS AN _____ TO OUR SOCIETY.

We live in an age where very few want to be committed to anything... a job... a marriage... our country. This attitude has even produced a generation of “church shoppers and hoppers.” Membership swims against the current of America’s “consumer religion.” It is an unselfish decision. Commitment always builds character.

3. A PRACTICAL REASON: IT DEFINES WHO CAN BE _____ ON.

Every team must have a roster. Every school must have an enrollment. Every business has a payroll. Every army has an enlistment. Even our country takes a census and requires voter registration. Membership identifies our family.

4. A PERSONAL REASON: IT PRODUCES _____.

The New Testament places a major emphasis on the need for Christians to be accountable to each other for spiritual growth. You cannot be accountable when you’re not committed to any specific church family. You can’t fully grow when you’re not firmly planted in the soil of the church Jesus is building.

“Those who are devoted to God will flourish like budding date-palm trees; they will grow strong and tall like cedars in Lebanon. For they are transplanted to the Lord’s own house. They flourish in the courts of our God. Even in old age they will still produce fruit; they will remain vital and green.”

Psalm 92:12-14

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CITYMARK CHURCH MEMBERSHIP COVENANT

Having placed my trust and faith in Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior, and being in agreement with the values and vision presented in the step one class, I feel led by the Holy Spirit to unite with Citymark Church as a covenant member. I commit myself to God and to the other members of Citymark Church to do the following:

1. I WILL PROTECT THE UNITY OF MY CHURCH:

By acting in love toward other members and refusing to hold onto bitterness or unforgiveness.

"Live in complete harmony with each other—each with the attitude of Christ toward each other."

Romans 15:5 – LB

By guarding my heart against envy and my mouth against gossip, slander or untruth or any words or actions that do not build up or edify others.

"Do not let any unwholesome talk come out of your mouths, but only what is helpful for building others up according to their needs, that it may benefit those who listen."

Ephesians 4:29

By refusing to undermine vision or stir disunity in the church.

"Let us therefore make every effort to do what leads to peace and to mutual edification.."

Romans 14:19

"Warn a divisive person once, and then warn them a second time. After that, have nothing to do with them."

Titus 3:10

By supporting and following the leaders and pastors as they follow Christ.

"Obey your spiritual leaders and submit to them [continually recognizing their authority over you], for they are constantly keeping watch over your souls and guarding your spiritual welfare, as men who will have to render an account [of their trust]. [Do your part to] let them do this with gladness and not with sighing and groaning, for that would not be profitable to you [either]."

Hebrews 13:17 – AMP

2. I WILL SHARE THE RESPONSIBILITY OF MY CHURCH:

By praying for its growth, health and leadership.

"To the church...We always thank God for all of you and continually mention you in our prayers."

1 Thessalonians 1:1-2

By inviting the unchurched to attend.

"Go out to the roads and country lanes and compel them to come in, so that my house will be full."

Luke 14:23

By warmly welcoming those who visit.

"So warmly welcome each other into the church, just as Christ has warmly welcomed you; then God will be glorified."

Romans 17:7-LB

By caring for it and its facilities and treating it as if it were my own home.

3. I WILL SERVE THE MINISTRY OF MY CHURCH:

By discovering my gifts and talents in Step Two class.

"Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God's grace in it's various forms."

1 Peter 4:10

By being equipped to serve by my pastors and leaders.

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

Ephesians 4:11-12

By developing a servant heart and joining the Dream Team.

"Don't look out only for your own interests, but take an interest in others, too. You must have the same attitude that Christ Jesus had ... by taking on the very nature of a servant."

Philippians 2:4-5, 7

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4. I WILL SUPPORT THE MISSION OF MY CHURCH:

By attending weekly worship and connect groups faithfully.

"They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and to fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer."

Acts 2:42

"And let us not neglect our meeting together, as some people do..."

Hebrews 10:25

By giving financially on a regular, consistent basis.

"On every Lord's Day each of you should put aside something from what you have earned during the week, and use it for this offering. The amount depends on how much the Lord has helped you earn."

I Corinthians 16:2 –LB

"A tithe of everything . . . belongs to the Lord; it is holy to the Lord."

Leviticus 27:30

By living a godly life as I mature to be like Christ.

"Whatever happens, conduct yourselves in a manner worthy of the gospel of Christ."

Philippians 1:27

OUR STATEMENT OF FAITH

1. GOD THE KING AND THE HOLY TRINITY

WE BELIEVE that God is the Eternal King. He is an infinite, unchangeable Spirit, perfect in holiness, wisdom, goodness, justice, power and love. From all eternity He exists as the One Living and True God in three persons of one substance, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, equal in power and glory.

2. GOD THE KING: THE CREATOR AND RULER OF ALL THINGS

WE BELIEVE that God's kingdom is everlasting. From His throne, through His Son, His eternal Word, God created, upholds and governs all that exists: the heavenly places, the angelic hosts, the universe, the earth, every living thing and mankind. God created all things very good.

3. COUNTERFEIT KINGDOM: SATAN AND DEMONIC HOSTS

WE BELIEVE that Satan, originally a great, good angel, rebelled against God, taking a host of angels with him. He was cast out of God's presence and, as a usurper of God's rule, established a counter-kingdom of darkness and evil on the earth.

4. THE KINGDOM IN THE CREATION OF MAN, THE FALL & THE DOCTRINE OF ORIGINAL SIN

WE BELIEVE that God created mankind in His own image, male and female, for relationship with Himself and to govern the earth. Under the temptation of Satan, our original parents fell from grace, bringing sin, sickness and God's judgment of death to the earth. Through the fall, Satan and his demonic hosts gained access to God's good creation. Creation now experiences the consequences and effects of Adam's original sin. Human beings are born in sin, subject to God's judgment of death and captive to Satan's kingdom of darkness.

5. GOD'S PROVIDENCE, KINGDOM LAW AND COVENANTS

WE BELIEVE that God did not abandon His rule over the earth which He continues to uphold by His providence. In order to bring redemption, God established covenants which revealed His grace to sinful people. In the covenant with Abraham, God bound Himself to His people Israel, promising to deliver them from bondage to sin and Satan and to bless all the nations through them.

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WE BELIEVE that as King, God later redeemed His people by His mighty acts from bondage in Egypt and established His covenant through Moses, revealing His perfect will and our obligation to fulfill it. The law's purpose is to order our fallen race and to make us conscious of our moral responsibility. By the work of God's Spirit, it convicts us of our sin and God's righteous judgment against us and brings us to Christ alone for salvation.

WE BELIEVE that when Israel rejected God's rule over her as King, God established the monarchy in Israel and made an unconditional covenant with David, promising that his heir would restore God's kingdom reign over His people as Messiah forever.

6. CHRIST THE MEDIATOR AND ETERNAL KING

WE BELIEVE that in the fullness of time, God honored His covenants with Israel and His prophetic promises of salvation by sending His Son, Jesus, into the world. Conceived by the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary, as fully God and fully man in one person, He is humanity as God intended us to be. Jesus was anointed as God's Messiah and empowered by the Holy Spirit, inaugurating God's kingdom reign on earth, overpowering the reign of Satan by resisting temptation, preaching the good news of salvation, healing the sick, casting out demons and raising the dead. Gathering His disciples, He reconstituted God's people as His Church to be the instrument of His kingdom. After dying for the sins of the world, Jesus was raised from the dead on the third day, fulfilling the covenant of blessing given to Abraham. In His sinless, perfect life Jesus met the demands of the law and in His atoning death on the cross He took God's judgment for sin which we deserve as law-breakers. By His death on the cross He also disarmed the demonic powers. The covenant with David was fulfilled in Jesus' birth from David's house, His Messianic ministry, His glorious resurrection from the dead, His ascent into heaven and His present rule at the right hand of the Father. As God's Son and David's heir, He is the eternal Messiah King, advancing God's reign throughout every generation and throughout the whole earth today.

7. THE MINISTRY OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

WE BELIEVE that the Holy Spirit was poured out on the Church at Pentecost in power, baptizing believers into the Body of Christ and releasing the gifts of the Spirit to them. The Spirit brings the permanent indwelling presence of God to us for spiritual worship, personal sanctification, building up the Church, gifting us for ministry, and driving back the kingdom of Satan by the evangelization of the world through proclaiming the word of Jesus and doing the works of Jesus.

WE BELIEVE that the Holy Spirit indwells every believer in Jesus Christ and that He is our abiding Helper, Teacher, and Guide. We believe in the ongoing filling or the empowering of the Holy Spirit (often a conscious experience) for ministry today. We believe in the present ministry of the Spirit and in the proper, healthy exercise of all of the biblical gifts of the Spirit. We practice the laying on of hands for the empowering of the Spirit, for healing, and for recognition and empowering of those whom God has ordained to lead and serve the Church.

8. THE SUFFICIENCY OF SCRIPTURE

WE BELIEVE that the Holy Spirit inspired the human authors of Holy Scripture so that the Bible is without error in the original manuscripts. We receive the sixty-six books of the Old and New Testaments as our final, absolute authority, the only infallible rule of faith and practice.

9. THE POWER OF THE GOSPEL OVER THE KINGDOM OF DARKNESS

WE BELIEVE that the whole world is under the domination of Satan and that all people are sinners by nature and choice. All people therefore are under God's just judgment. Through the preaching of the Good News of Jesus and the Kingdom of God and the work of the Holy Spirit, God regenerates, justifies, adopts and sanctifies through Jesus by the Spirit all who repent of their sins and trust in Jesus Christ as Lord and Saviour. By this they are released from Satan's domain and enter into God's kingdom reign.

10. THE CHURCH: INSTRUMENT OF THE KINGDOM

WE BELIEVE in the one, holy, universal Church. All who repent of their sins and confess Jesus as Lord and Savior are regenerated by the Holy Spirit and form the living Body of Christ, of which He is the head and of which we are all members.

11. BAPTISM AND THE LORD'S SUPPER

WE BELIEVE that Jesus Christ committed two ordinances to the Church: water baptism and the Lord's Supper. Both are available to all believers.

12. THE KINGDOM OF GOD AND THE FINAL JUDGMENT

WE BELIEVE that God's kingdom has come in the ministry of our Lord Jesus Christ, that it continues to come in the ministry of the Spirit through the Church, and that it will be consummated in the glorious, visible and triumphant appearing of Christ - His return to the earth as King. After Christ returns to reign, He will bring about the final defeat of Satan and all of his minions and works, the resurrection of the dead, the final judgment and the eternal blessing of the righteous and eternal conscious punishment of the wicked. Finally, God will be all in all and His kingdom, His rule and reign, will be fulfilled in the new heavens and the new earth, recreated by His mighty power, in which righteousness dwells and in which He will forever be worshipped.

NEXTSTEPS

DEFINE THE RELATIONSHIP

1. BECOME A MEMBER OF CITYMARK CHURCH.

Membership at Citymark Church is not about adding your name to a roster; it's about connecting with the people and the vision of the church.

2. COMPLETE ALL THREE STEPS OF IMPACT.

STEP ONE - DEFINE THE RELATIONSHIP
STEP TWO - DISCOVER YOUR DESIGN
STEP THREE- DEVELOP YOUR INFLUENCE

3. JOIN A CONNECT GROUP.

Browse our online directory of groups at citymarkchurch.org/connect-groups
Find a group that interests you, contact the leader and make plans to try it out in person.

4. COMPLETE YOUR SPIRITUAL GIFTS QUESTIONNAIRE.

Bring your completed gifts assessment with you next week to Step Two—Discover Your Design.

5. GET CONNECTED THROUGH TEXT BLASTS & SOCIAL MEDIA

Sign up for important texts blasts. Text "**Citymark**" to **97000**.
Like Citymark's Facebook Page **facebook.com/CitymarkChurch**
Follow Pastor Steven's Public Facebook Page at **facebook.com/PastorStevenYoes**
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IMPACT

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STEP ONE SPIRITUAL GIFTS ASSESSMENT

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SPIRITUAL GIFTS ASSESSMENT

When you accepted Christ, you not only got saved...you were given something very special from God: a giftedness to serve God in a unique way. God's plan for your life is that you would meet a specific need in the church family, and He has gifted you in a special way to meet that need.

"As each one of us has received a gift, minister it to one another, as good stewards of the manifold grace of God." — 1 Peter 4:10

If you have trusted Christ, then you have a spiritual gift! Even if you don't know what it is or don't feel particularly gifted in a specific area, the Bible teaches that you do have a special gift that you can use to serve God. And, believe it or not, your gift is vital to the work of God in our church family, otherwise God would not have placed you here.

God's Word teaches that as a member of His Body, you are important to His work in this place. He has appointed you a gift and a purpose for being here...and you will greatly enjoy discovering and using that gift for His purposes!

WHAT SHOULD YOU DO WITH THIS SPIRITUAL GIFT?

First Peter says that God wants you to be a "good steward" of His gift to you! The best way to do that is to begin now discovering, developing, and using your gift to serve the Lord and His church. The great result of using your gift is that the entire church family ministers to each other and to the community. That's the way the church, the Body of Christ, is supposed to work!

TAKING THE SPIRITUAL GIFTS ASSESSMENT

- To complete the assessment, answer every question in order by circling the number, 0 to 5, that most accurately describes yourself.
 - While answering, refer to the scale indicator above the questions.
 - When completing the spiritual gifts assessment, do not think as much as react.
 - For the most accurate assessment answer quickly and honestly.

FOR BEST RESULTS, PRAY BEFORE ATTEMPTING.

SPIRITUAL GIFTS ASSESSMENT

	NEVER	RARELY	OCCASIONALLY	TRUE SOMETIMES	TRUE MOST OF THE TIME	ALWAYS TRUE
	0	1	2	3	4	5
1. I relate & measure everything I experience accordingly to God's Word.	0	1	2	3	4	5
2. Others seem to look to me for advice and help.	0	1	2	3	4	5
3. I'm easily bothered by others' lack of compassion.	0	1	2	3	4	5
4. I don't take anything at face value.	0	1	2	3	4	5
5. I can visualize the "big picture" of a major project.	0	1	2	3	4	5
6. When others are in my home I like to wait on them "hand and foot."	0	1	2	3	4	5
7. I feel compelled to give financially to others.	0	1	2	3	4	5
8. I will speak the truth whether or not it causes hurt feelings.	0	1	2	3	4	5
9. I can organize and delegate people and resources easily.	0	1	2	3	4	5
10. I feel compelled to share knowledge.	0	1	2	3	4	5
11. Discouraged people are often encouraged by my words.	0	1	2	3	4	5
12. I neglect my own work in order to help others.	0	1	2	3	4	5
13. I easily identify tasks that need to get done and do them myself.	0	1	2	3	4	5
14. I enjoy doing little things to help people.	0	1	2	3	4	5
15. My natural tendency is to step up and take control.	0	1	2	3	4	5
16. I cheerfully give time or money, regardless of how much I have to give.	0	1	2	3	4	5

STEP ONE

NEVER	RARELY	OCCASIONALLY	TRUE SOMETIMES	TRUE MOST OF THE TIME	ALWAYS TRUE	
0	1	2	3	4	5	
17. I have compassion for all living creatures.	0	1	2	3	4	5
18. I don't hesitate to give constructive criticism.	0	1	2	3	4	5
19. People see me as a frank and outspoken person.	0	1	2	3	4	5
20. People seem to learn easily from me.	0	1	2	3	4	5
21. I can be described as responsible, charitable, and disciplined.	0	1	2	3	4	5
22. I don't expect repayment for favors I do for others.	0	1	2	3	4	5
23. Others tell me I'm a good listener.	0	1	2	3	4	5
24. Communicating the facts in a situation is something I do well.	0	1	2	3	4	5
25. I am a task oriented person.	0	1	2	3	4	5
26. I find it easy to maintain an optimistic outlook.	0	1	2	3	4	5
27. I will stand alone on something I believe in strongly.	0	1	2	3	4	5
28. I will not confront others if I feel it may hurt them.	0	1	2	3	4	5
29. I give well above my tithe to the Body of Christ.	0	1	2	3	4	5
30. While I'm frugal in personal spending, I'm often led to give to others.	0	1	2	3	4	5
31. I enjoy research as well as sharing what I find.	0	1	2	3	4	5
32. I am compelled to comfort people who are hurting or suffering.	0	1	2	3	4	5

SPIRITUAL GIFTS ASSESSMENT

	NEVER 0	RARELY 1	OCCASIONALLY 2	TRUE SOMETIMES 3	TRUE MOST OF THE TIME 4	ALWAYS TRUE 5
33. Deadlines challenge me & I usually meet them on time.	0	1	2	3	4	5
34. I can discern the motives of others fairly easily	0	1	2	3	4	5
35. I find strength from bearing other's burdens.	0	1	2	3	4	5
36. My use of knowledge may appear prideful.	0	1	2	3	4	5
37. I can create order out of organizational chaos.	0	1	2	3	4	5
38. I volunteer my time and talents to worthwhile causes.	0	1	2	3	4	5
39. I'm moved with compassion to cry with others.	0	1	2	3	4	5
40. I can select the best person for particular tasks.	0	1	2	3	4	5
41. My focus on right and wrong may be read as being judgmental.	0	1	2	3	4	5
42. I enjoy helping others develop a plan of action to deal with their concerns.	0	1	2	3	4	5

SPIRITUAL GIFTS TEST SCORING KEY

Directions: Transfer the number you circled to the blank beside the corresponding question. Add the totals up in each column. The highest possible score in one column would be 30.

	1.	6.	4.	2.	7.	5.	3.
	8.	12.	10.	11.	16.	9.	17.
	19.	13.	20.	18.	21.	15.	28.
	27.	14.	24.	23.	22.	33.	32.
	34.	25.	31.	26.	29.	37.	35.
	41.	38.	36.	42.	30.	40.	39.
Totals							
	<i>Prophet/ Perceiver</i>	<i>Server</i>	<i>Teacher</i>	<i>Exhorter/ Encourager</i>	<i>Giver</i>	<i>Leader/ Admin</i>	<i>Mercy/ Compassion</i>

SPIRITUAL GIFTS: PROPHET/PERCEIVER

The God-given ability to communicate God's message in relation to the truth already revealed (Jude 3). It is not necessarily or even primarily a prediction. Rather, it is done for the purposes of encouraging, strengthening and comforting (1 Cor. 14:3). These have the ability to perceive the spiritual needs of others and meet those needs through Scripture.

CHARACTERISTICS OF A PROPHET / PERCEIVER:

1. Able to recognize good and bad and hates what is bad.
2. Sees everything clearly not dimly; no foggy or indefinite areas
3. Recognizes character in people, whether good or bad
4. Encourages repentance for the glory of God
5. Is an introvert rather than an extravert?
6. Sees the Bible as the foundation for truth
7. Courageously holds to spiritual truths
8. Outspoken
9. Powerful and persuasive speaker
10. Distraught over the sins of others
11. Sees their own shortcomings and those of others
12. Desires to see God's plans take place
13. Promotes spiritual growth in others
14. Fanatical about integrity
15. Strongly communicates what they perceive
16. Self-examiner
17. Opinionated and holds to convictions
18. Holds to a high standard
19. Desperately desires to obey God

CHALLENGES OF THE PROPHET/PERCEIVER:

1. May be judgmental and upfront
2. Delights in goal accomplishment not forward progress
3. Forcefully pushes others toward spiritual growth
4. Intolerant of other views
5. Struggles with self-image

PLACES IN THE CHURCH BODY WHERE THIS GIFT COULD BE UTILIZED:

1. Connect group leader
2. Any type of lay counseling
3. Security at any church function
4. Providing oversight of any ministry function
5. Great mentors and peacemakers

SPIRITUAL GIFTS ASSESSMENT

SERVER

A server has the God-given ability to recognize a need and administer assistance to others. In relation to other believers, this releases them to utilize their God-given gifts (e.g. Deacons in Acts 6:1-6; 1 Corinthians 12:28; and Romans 12:7).

CHARACTERISTICS OF A SERVER:

1. Willingly meets the needs of others
2. Has a hands on approach
3. Precise and orderly
4. Detail oriented
5. Friendly
6. Has trouble turning others away
7. More interest in others than self
8. More short term orientated than long term
9. Actively expressive rather than verbally expressive
10. Desires appreciation
11. Goes above and beyond what is asked of them
12. Enjoys being helpful
13. High energy level
14. Orderly; does not like clutter
15. Perfectionist
16. Places an importance on serving
17. Would rather do than delegate
18. Supports the leadership

CHALLENGES FOR THE SERVER:

1. Criticizes those who are not serving
2. Helps others to the extent of neglecting personal family
3. So enthusiastic to help, may come across as pushy
4. Does not like to be served
5. Saddened when unappreciated

PLACES IN THE CHURCH BODY WHERE THIS GIFT COULD BE UTILIZED:

1. Hospitality ministry
2. Children's ministry
3. Homeless ministry
4. Taking meals to ill or injured
5. Set-up or tear down at special events
7. Serving anywhere, anytime, anyway
8. Construction of any type
9. Maintenance of anything
10. Putting together anything with the hands

TEACHER

The God-given ability to study, research, explain and communicate truth (e.g. Paul and Timothy in 2 Timothy 2:2).

CHARACTERISTICS OF A TEACHER:

1. Logical presenter of truth
2. Confirms truth by examining facts
3. Enjoys study and investigation
4. Knows how to do word studies
5. Uses biblical illustrations
6. Detests Scripture used out of context
7. Establishes truth biblically
8. Objective rather than subjective
9. Extensive vocabulary
10. Accurate presenter of truth
11. Tests the information of others
12. Favors teaching over evangelism
13. Starts with Scripture when answering questions
14. Intellectual
15. Disciplined
16. Emotionally stable
17. Has a close circle of friends
18. Strong convictions based on solid research
19. Believes God's truth leads to life change

CHALLENGES FOR THE TEACHER:

1. Can neglect application in exchange for information download
2. Slow to accept views of other
3. Proudful due to knowledge
4. May be legalistic and dogmatic
5. Easily distracted by love of new interests

PLACES IN THE CHURCH BODY WHERE THIS GIFT COULD BE UTILIZED:

1. Connect group leader
2. Bible study leader - Men's ministry, Women's ministry, Children's ministry
3. Rock U instructor
4. Research assistant
5. Developer of curriculum
6. Child, youth, teen mentor

EXHORTER

The God-given ability to draw near to individuals in time of need; encouraging and counseling them accurately with the Word of God; and persuading them to take courage in the face of something they must do or assuring them to take comfort because of something that has occurred (E.g. Barnabas in Acts 4:36-37; 9:26-27; 11:19-26; and 15:36-41).

CHARACTERISTICS OF A EXHORTER:

1. Verbally encouraging
2. Likes to apply the Word rather than investigate it
3. Prefers practical application over theological truth
4. Works best with others
5. Verbally encourages others to excel in ministry
6. Loves to do personal counseling
7. Loves to talk
8. Excels in communication
9. Perceives trials as opportunities for personal growth
10. Has a positive attitude
11. Easily makes decisions
12. Prefers to quickly resolve problems
13. Needs to bounce ideas off others

CHALLENGES FOR THE EXHORTER:

1. Frequently interrupts others
2. Uses Scripture out of context
3. Out spoken and opinionated
4. Slightly overconfident

PLACES IN THE CHURCH BODY WHERE THIS GIFT COULD BE UTILIZED:

1. Lay counseling
2. Stephen minister
3. Table facilitator
4. Hospitality ministry
5. Drama ministry
6. Nursing home ministry
7. Homeless Ministry Team
8. Small group leader
9. Anyplace where encouragement is needed

GIVER

The God-given ability to give freely of what God has entrusted to them. This includes giving time, material goods and inancial resources with joy and eagerness and without any “ulterior motives” that would benefit the giver (E.g. David in I Chronicles 29:1-19).

CHARACTERISTICS OF A GIVER:

1. Gives as led by the Spirit
2. Freely and happily gives
3. Often gives anonymously
4. Understands giving is an intricate part of serving
5. Takes pleasure in meeting the needs of others
6. Gives not only quantity but quality
7. Gives to bless and enhance ministries
8. Sees hospitality as a chance to give
9. Financially wise
- 10.. Strongly believes in tithes and offerings
11. Understands that God owns everything
12. Strong business skills
13. Appreciates value
14. Is not gullible

CHALLENGES FOR THE GIVER:

1. Tends to be controlling with money
2. Pressures others to be more generous
3. May over commit
4. Uses inancial giving as a way out of other requirements
5. Leads others on guilt trips

PLACES IN THE CHURCH BODY WHERE THIS GIFT COULD BE UTILIZED:

1. Homeless ministry
2. Connect group leader
3. Fundraising
4. Any serving opportunity
5. Hospitality ministry
6. Financial counseling ministry Team
7. Support of church special projects (i.e. building)
8. Financially support any ministry

LEADERSHIP / ADMINISTRATION

The God-given ability to lead others in meaningful endeavors which demonstrates personal care and concern in order to meet the needs of others and encourage their growth (E.g. Fathers in I Tim. 3:4-5; 12).

CHARACTERISTICS OF A LEADERSHIP / ADMINISTRATION:

1. Motivates others to action
2. Clearly communicates
3. Thrives when given authority
4. Happily receives authority when given
5. Naturally assumes leadership when there is a lack
6. Takes on long-term projects
7. Is a visionary
8. Has good networking abilities
9. Delegates well
10. Takes criticism well
11. Is passionate and enthusiastic
12. Enjoys accomplishing goals
13. Gives credit to others
14. Meets challenges as they arise
15. Is a natural and capable leader
16. Understands the Big picture
17. Discards what does not work and keeps what does
18. Enjoys people
19. Dislikes the mundane routine

CHALLENGES FOR THE LEADERSHIP / ADMINISTRATION:

1. May have trouble dealing with opposition
2. May become callous due to constant criticism
3. Pushes hard to the point of neglecting family
4. Ignores family responsibilities due to love of work

PLACES IN THE CHURCH BODY WHERE THIS GIFT COULD BE UTILIZED:

1. Connect group leader
2. Jr. High ministry
3. High School ministry
4. College ministry
5. Singles ministry
6. Prison ministry
7. Any type of leadership/oversight role
8. Creator of new ministries
9. Coach of Sports ministries

MERCY / COMPASSION

The God-given ability to have immediate compassion for those who are suffering combined with great joy in meeting their needs (E.g. the Good Samaritan in Luke 10:30-37).

CHARACTERISTICS OF A OF MERCY / COMPASSION:

1. Loves to love
2. Searches out the good in people
3. Brings out the good in people
4. Recognizes the spiritual and emotional condition of others
5. Acts out of concern for others
6. Cares for the emotional, spiritual, and physical well being of others
7. Considers others more important than self
8. Chooses words carefully
9. Recognizes the affect words can have
10. Detects insincerity
11. Loves to be thoughtful
12. Is trustworthy
13. Non-confrontational
14. Unusually cheerful
15. Thinks with the heart rather than the head
16. Rejoices and/or grieves with others

CHALLENGES FOR THE OF MERCY / COMPASSION:

1. Overly sensitive
2. Caring may be misunderstood by the opposite sex
3. takes up others problems that are not their own
4. Thinking with their heart leads to indecision
5. Can be easily hurt by others unintentionally

PLACES IN THE CHURCH BODY WHERE THIS GIFT COULD BE UTILIZED:

1. Connect group leader
2. Homeless ministry
3. Counseling ministry
4. Hospitality of any sort
5. Visitation and follow-up
6. Prison ministry
7. Greeters
8. Any type of phone work
9. Children's ministry

IMPORTANT REMINDERS

Keep in mind that oftentimes the Holy Spirit gives us more than one gift which serves to keep our other gift (gifts) in check or harmonize to create a blended gift that God uses in unique ways. This is another reason why each and everyone of us has a unique role to play in the Kingdom even if your gift may seem just like someone else you know!

1. Scripture commands us to minister in many areas whether or not we have the corresponding spiritual gift(s). For example Scripture clearly tells us that some have the following gifts, yet all are to minister in these ways...Gifts to some Commands to all

Ministering (serving) Serve one another (Galatians 5:13)

Exhortation Exhort each other (Hebrews 10:25)

Giving all give (2 Corinthians 9:7)

Teaching Make Disciples (Matthew 28:19)

Showing Mercy Be kind (Ephesians 4:32)

Faith Walk by faith (2 Corinthians 5:7)

Evangelism all witness (Acts 1:8)

Oftentimes as we are faithful to these commands, after we discover our particular spiritual gift(s).

2. No matter what spiritual gift(s) we have received, the Christian virtue of love must accompany the exercise of those gifts; otherwise, they will prove unfruitful. "If I speak with the tongues of men and of angels, but do not have love, I have become a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal. And if I have the gift of prophecy, and know all mysteries and all knowledge; and if I have all faith, so as to remove mountains, but do not have love, I am nothing. And if I give all my possessions to feed the poor, and if I deliver my body to be burned, but do not have love, it profits me nothing." 1 Corinthians 13:1-3

THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN GIFTS AND TALENTS:

Talents have to do with techniques and methods; gifts have to do with spiritual abilities. Talents depend on natural ability, gifts on spiritual endowment. Talents instruct, inspire, or entertain on a natural level. However, when a gift is exercised, something supernatural happens in and through the one who is ministering.

CONCLUSION:

Your God-given personality, talents, abilities and spiritual gifts all work together to make you uniquely you! "Whoever serves is to do so as one who is serving by the strength which God supplies; so that in all things God may be glorified through Jesus Christ, to whom belongs the glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen." 1 Peter 4:11