

# Discovering Your Uniquely God Given S.H.A.P.E.

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## Message Truth:

I encourage you to begin to serve God through at least one or two ministry areas of First Baptist Church of Emerson. For obedient Christians, refusal to serve is not an option. You need to be serving. You were created by God for service. Continually taking without giving back will make you spiritually sick. You also need to serve because your service is needed. We need committed and trained servants. Remember, bench warming is not a spiritual gift. So, I ask you to join the rest of us by getting on the field and joining in the battle. If you have a heart to serve I will find you a place where you may serve. Willingness truly is the key to God's service. Your willingness to serve will release many blessings in your life.

## WHY IS IT SO IMPORTANT?

<sup>5</sup> There are different kinds of service to God, but it is the same Lord we are serving. <sup>7</sup> The Holy Spirit displays God's power through each of us as a means of helping the entire church. <sup>27</sup>...All of you together are the one body of Christ and each one of you is a separate and necessary part of it. 1 Corinthians 12:5,7,27 (LB)

## GOD WANTS TO USE YOU TO B\_\_\_\_\_ UP HIS B\_\_\_\_\_

### 1. I'VE BEEN C\_\_\_\_\_ FOR MINISTRY!

<sup>10</sup> For we are God's workmanship, **created** in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do. Ephesians 2:10

### 2. I'VE BEEN S\_\_\_\_\_ FOR MINISTRY!

<sup>9</sup> It is He who saved us and chose us **for his holy work**, not because we deserved it but because that was his plan long before the world began... 2 Timothy 1:9 (LB)

## We Were Saved to Serve!

### 3. I'VE BEEN C\_\_\_\_\_ INTO MINISTRY!

<sup>15</sup> But God in His grace chose me even before I was born, and **called me to serve him.** Galatians 1:15 (GN)

<sup>1</sup> I urge you to live a life worthy of the **calling** you have received. Ephesians 4:1

<sup>9</sup>...you have been chosen by God himself - you are **priests** of the King... you are God's very own - all this so that you may show to others how **God called you** out of the darkness into His wonderful light. <sup>10</sup> Once you were less than nothing; now you are God's own... 1 Peter 2:9-10 (LB)

<sup>5</sup> ... you will serve as holy priests... 1 Peter 2:5 (GN)

## I AM A M\_\_\_\_\_ OF JESUS CHRIST!

### 4. I'VE BEEN G\_\_\_\_\_ FOR MINISTRY!

<sup>10</sup> God has given each of you some special abilities; be sure to use them to help each other, passing on to others God's many kinds of blessings. 1 Peter 4:10 (LB)

### 5. I'VE BEEN A\_\_\_\_\_ FOR MINISTRY!

<sup>18</sup> (Jesus said) "All **authority** in heaven and on earth has been given to me. <sup>19</sup> Therefore go and make disciples... Matthew 28:18-19

<sup>20</sup> We are therefore Christ's ambassadors... 2 Corinthians 5:20

### 6. I'M C\_\_\_\_\_ TO MINISTER!

<sup>28</sup> (Jesus) **Your attitude must be like my own**, for I, the Messiah, did not come to be served, but to serve... Matthew 20:28 (LB)

<sup>17</sup> (To Archippus) Take heed to the ministry which thou hast received **in the Lord, that thou fulfil it.** Colossians 4:17 (KJV)

**7. I'M TO BE P\_\_\_\_\_ FOR MINISTRY!**

<sup>11</sup> he gave... pastors and teachers <sup>12</sup> to prepare God's people for works of service, so that the body of Christ may be built up...  
Ephesians 4:11-12

**8. THE BODY OF CHRIST N\_\_\_\_\_ MY MINISTRY!**

<sup>27</sup> ...All of you together are the one body of Christ and each of you is a **separate and necessary part of it.** 1 Corinthians 12:27 (LB)

**Ministry always functions in the context of a church family!**

<sup>36</sup> When he saw the crowds, he had compassion on them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. <sup>37</sup> Then he said to his disciples, "**The harvest is plentiful but the workers are few.**" <sup>38</sup> Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into his harvest field." Matthew 9:36-38

**9. I AM A\_\_\_\_\_ FOR MY MINISTRY!**

<sup>12</sup> So then, each of us will give an **account** of himself to God. Romans 14:12

**10. I WILL BE R\_\_\_\_\_ FOR MY MINISTRY!**

<sup>23</sup> Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, **as working for the Lord, not for men,** <sup>24</sup> since you know that you will receive an inheritance from the Lord **as a reward.** Colossians 3:23-24

<sup>23</sup> 'Well done, good and faithful servant! You have been faithful with a few things; I will put you in charge of many things. Come and share your master's happiness!' Matthew 25:23

**How to Discover Your Ministry**

STEP 1: Dedicate My B\_\_\_\_\_

STEP 2: Eliminate Competing D\_\_\_\_\_

STEP 3: Evaluate My S\_\_\_\_\_

STEP 4: Cooperate With Other B\_\_\_\_\_

**STEP 5: Activate My G\_\_\_\_\_**

<sup>6</sup> We have different gifts, according to the grace given us... prophesying... <sup>7</sup> serving... teaching... <sup>8</sup> encouraging... contributing... leadership... showing mercy... Romans 12:6-8

**HOW HAS GOD SHAPED ME?**

<sup>8</sup> Your hands **formed** and **shaped** me. Job 10:8a (GN)

<sup>14</sup> Thank you for making me so **wonderfully complex!** It is amazing to think about. Your **workmanship** is marvelous... <sup>15</sup> You were there while I was being **formed**... <sup>16</sup> You saw me **before I** was born and scheduled each day of my life before I began to breathe. Psalm 139:14-16 (LB)

1. I was \_\_\_\_\_ for a purpose.

2. I am \_\_\_\_\_!

3. I am \_\_\_\_\_!

<sup>20</sup> What right do you have, a human being, to cross-examine God? The pot has no right to say to the potter: **Why did you make me this shape?** A potter can do what he likes with the clay! Romans 9:20-21

**In ministry... function follows form!**

**MINISTRY IS DETERMINED BY SEVERAL FACTORS**

<sup>4</sup> There are different kinds of **SPIRITUAL GIFTS**, but the same Spirit gives them. <sup>5</sup> There are different **WAYS OF SERVING** but the same Lord is served. <sup>6</sup> There are different **ABILITIES** to perform service, but the same God gives ability to all for their service. <sup>7</sup> The Spirit's presence is shown **IN SOME WAY** in each person, for the good of all. 1 Corinthians 12:4-7 (GN)