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Ephesians 4: 10 - 16

10 He who descended is the very one who ascended higher than all the heavens, in order to fill the whole universe.) 11 It was he who gave some to be apostles, some to be prophets, some to be evangelists, and some to be pastors and teachers, 12 to prepare God's 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.

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14 Then we will no longer be infants, tossed back and forth by the waves, and blown here and there by every wind of teaching and by the cunning and craftiness of men in their deceitful scheming. 15 Instead, speaking the truth in love, we will in all things grow up into him who is the Head, that is, Christ. 16 From him the whole body, joined and held together by every supporting ligament, grows and builds itself up in love, as each part does its work.

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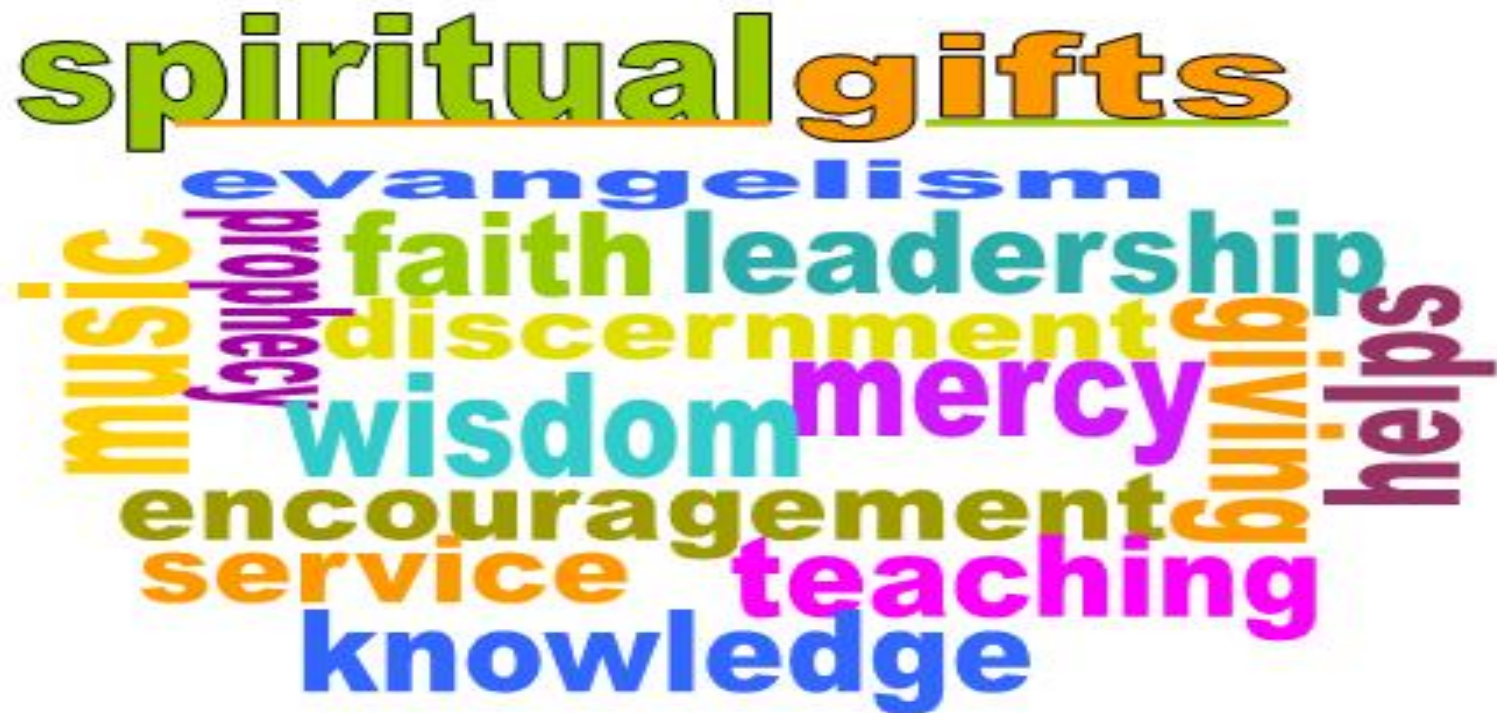
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A word cloud of ministry-related terms. The words are arranged in a roughly rectangular shape, with some words oriented vertically. The words include: spiritual gifts, evangelism, faith leadership, discernment, wisdom, mercy, giving, helps, music, prophecy, encouragement, service, teaching, and knowledge. The words are in various colors and sizes, with 'spiritual gifts' and 'teaching' being the largest.

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Jesus said in

**Matthew 6:21 For where
your treasure is, there
will your heart be also.**

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Every believer is not a pastor, every believer is not a preacher, but every believer is called into the ministry!

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God has created us for the purpose of good works, and we are instructed to walk in them...that is how we are to live our lives!

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As a leader, I am instructed to prepare people for works of service so that the Church of God can be built up!

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Matthew 20:26-28

26 But it shall not be so among you: but whosoever will be great among you, let him be your minister; 27 And whosoever will be chief among you, let him be your servant:
28 Even as the Son of man came not to be ministered unto, but to minister, and to give his life a ransom for many.

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Jesus came into this world not to be served, but to serve....

**Since Jesus was a servant...then we must also be servants
....service is the defining characteristic of our Christian walk!**

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Luke 9:23-25

23 And he said to them all, if any man will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross daily, and follow me.

24 For whosoever will save his life shall lose it: but whosoever will lose his life for my sake, the same shall save it.

25 For what is a man advantaged, if he gain the whole world, and lose himself, or be cast away?

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1 Corinthians 4:2

2 Moreover it is required in
stewards, that a man be found
faithful.

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2 Timothy 1:9

9 Who hath saved us, and called us with an holy calling, not according to our works, but according to his own purpose and grace, which was given us in Christ Jesus before the world began,

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9 who first saved us and then called us to this holy work. We had nothing to do with it. It was all his idea, a gift prepared for us in Jesus long before we knew anything about it.

God has had a higher purpose for your life, long before you knew anything about it...in fact, before this world even began, God had a calling on your life!

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**Whatever area
you are called to
minister in is
important!**

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1 Corinthians 12:18-22

18 But now hath God set the members every one of them in the body, as it hath pleased him. 19 And if they were all one member, where were the body? 20 But now are they many members, yet but one body. 21 And the eye cannot say unto the hand, I have no need of thee: nor again the head to the feet, I have no need of you. 22 Nay, much more those members of the body, which seem to be more feeble, are necessary:

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1 Corinthians 12:27

27 Now ye are the body of Christ, and members in particular.

God places us where it pleases Him...we are not all the same, God knows that, He made us!

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The eye doesn't do the same thing as the toe. The hand doesn't do the same thing as the foot.

..but each is necessary for the body to function properly!

Then it says those members which seem to be more feeble...the parts that don't seem all that great are really more necessary than what you can imagine...just try doing without them for a while!

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In the church, we need every member of the body to do their part so that the whole body functions as God intended it to!

Each one of us is just as important as the next person!

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**I'm talking about
little things that
make a big
difference in life!**

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**Not only is every
ministry important, but
each ministry is
interdependent upon
another!**

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No ministry is independent of the others.

There is no single ministry in God's church that can accomplish everything that God has called the church to do...so we must depend and cooperate with one another.

- That's why relationships are important.**
- The church is like a jigsaw puzzle, each piece is intertwined with the next, and we need each piece to complete the picture.**
- And so our ministries and callings have to be fulfilled with the right attitudes and spirits.**

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1 Peter 2:9

9 But ye are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, an holy nation, a peculiar people; that ye should shew forth the praises of him who hath called you out of darkness into his marvelous light:

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Acts 15:18

18 Known unto God are all his works from the beginning of the world.

God has a specific plan for you and has designed you just the way you are so that you can fulfill that plan!

You may think that you are not good enough.

You may think that you are not talented enough.

You may think that your personality doesn't fit the work of the ministry.

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**Your role might be Hospitality, Usher Board, Welcome Ministry, Health Aide, Pastoral Care, Women's Ministry, Men's Ministry, Single's Ministry, Youth Ministry, Voice of Praise Mass Choir, or Spirit & Truth Praise & Worship, Arts Ministry, Prayer Warrior, Fund Raiser, Encourager, Custodian Engineer, Lawn Caretaker, Sidewalk Sweeper
Or a new thing that God is doing**

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