

**Series:** PROPELLED: The Serving Mindset

**Message:** Tools For Serving

**Scripture:** Select Texts

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- 1) What was God's intention in putting mankind on earth? (Ephesians 2:10)
- 2) Why does every person begin life with a "me-first" mindset? (Ephesians 2:1-3)
- 3) What does God do to enable us to have a serving mindset? (Ephesians 2:4-6)
- 4) Why does God enable us to have a serving mindset? (Ephesians 2:7)

### **Ephesians 3:10**

*<sup>10</sup> in order that the manifold wisdom of God might now be made known through the church to the rulers and the authorities in the heavenly places.*

#### 1. Our Lives

### **1 Thessalonians 2:8**

*<sup>8</sup> Having thus a fond affection for you, we were well-pleased to impart to you not only the gospel of God but also our own lives, because you had become very dear to us.*

### **2 Corinthians 12:15a**

*<sup>15</sup> And I will most gladly spend and be expended for your souls. ...*

#### 2. Our Material And Financial Resources

### **Acts 2:44-45**

*<sup>44</sup> And all those who had believed were together, and had all things in common;  
<sup>45</sup> and they began selling their property and possessions, and were sharing them with all, as anyone might have need.*

### **Acts 4:34-35**

*<sup>34</sup> For there was not a needy person among them, for all who were owners of land or houses would sell them and bring the proceeds of the sales,  
<sup>35</sup> and lay them at the apostles' feet; and they would be distributed to each, as any had need.*

### 3. Our Spiritual Gifts

#### **Definition of spiritual gift**

A God-given ability of Christ which God entrusts to each of His people in order to involve them in the task of bringing healing to an alienated world.

#### **1 Peter 4:10-11**

*<sup>10</sup> As each one has received a special gift, employ it in serving one another, as good stewards of the manifold grace of God.*

*<sup>11</sup> Whoever speaks, let him speak, as it were, the utterances of God; whoever serves, let him do so as 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) Every Christian is given at least one spiritual gift to be used in ministry.

#### **1 Peter 4:10**

*<sup>10</sup> As each one has received a special gift, employ it in serving one another, as good stewards of the manifold grace of God.*

2) The Holy Spirit is the One who supplies the gifts and does so as He pleases.

#### **1 Corinthians 12:11**

*<sup>11</sup> But one and the same Spirit works all these things, distributing to each one individually just as He wills.*

#### **1 Corinthians 14:1**

*<sup>1</sup> Pursue love, yet desire earnestly spiritual gifts, but especially that you may prophesy.*

3) Christians have differing gifts and no one has all the gifts.

#### **Romans 12:6a**

*<sup>6a</sup> And since we have gifts that differ according to the grace given to us, let each exercise them accordingly:...*

### **1 Corinthians 12:4-6**

*<sup>4</sup> Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit.*

*<sup>5</sup> And there are varieties of ministries, and the same Lord.*

*<sup>6</sup> And there are varieties of effects, but the same God who works all things in all persons.*

Pastors must be accomplished public speakers, skilled counselors, biblical & theological scholars, public relations experts, administrators, social ethicists, masters of ceremony, soul winners, master teachers, funeral directors and competent at nearly everything else. This “omni-competent” pastor is the person that hundreds of pulpit committees are searching for and never finding.

4) Every gift is given for the purpose of glorifying Christ and edifying the Church.

### **Ephesians 4:11-12**

*<sup>11</sup> And He gave some as apostles, and some as prophets, and some as evangelists, and some as pastors and teachers,*

*<sup>12</sup> for the equipping of the saints for the work of service, to the building up of the body of Christ;*

### **1 Corinthians 14:12**

*<sup>12</sup> So also you, since you are zealous of spiritual gifts, seek to abound for the edification of the church.*