

## IN TOUCH

### BACK TO BASICS: SERVING GOD

Dear Friend:

Every once-in-awhile I come across a person who says they don't know their purposes in life. Actually, this is more common than you would think. With so many voices coming at us, no wonder life's purpose can be confusing. The only source to find our true purpose is the Bible, and it's in the Bible we discover that while our chief purpose in life is to glorify God, we are also given other purposes. One of those purposes is this: we must fulfill the purpose of serving God!

There are several places in the Bible that point us to the purpose of serving and one of those places is I Corinthians 12 (see also Romans 12 and I Peter 4:10). Serving God is one of the basics of the Christian life, if you are a Christian, you were saved to serve God. I want to share three truths related to serving God. First, don't be ignorant about spiritual gifts, this is almost verbatim of I Corinthians 12:1. The root of the word ignorant is: ignore. Paul is saying: "Don't ignore the topic of spiritual gifts - ignore them and you become ignorant about them." I Corinthians 12 also teaches us that every believer has spiritual gifts. This completely shatters our thinking that we do not have anything to offer our church or other individuals. I Peter 4:10 tells us we were CREATED to use our spiritual gifts - not just "sit on them". The kingdom of God needs you to use your gifts, even people outside the church need you to use your gifts. The Bible also teaches us the "use it or lose it" concept. If we do not use our spiritual gifts, we will lose our spiritual gifts.

Information without application causes stagnation. So, how are you going to apply this week's In Touch to your life?

In Christ's Love,

*Pastor Mike*

Prayer Requests: Joe Lee (cancer), Pastor Dan Kopp (cancer), Faye Cooper (rehab)

Events: Looking way out to September 25....Boy Scout Troop 450 popcorn sale after church.