



Free to Serve

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Ephesians 2:10 — “For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand so that we would walk in them.”

*Psalms 139:13-15 — “For You created my innermost parts;
You wove me in my mother’s womb.
I will give thanks to You, because I am awesomely and wonderfully made;
Wonderful are Your works,
And my soul knows it very well.
My frame was not hidden from You
When I was made in secret,
And skillfully formed in the depths of the earth;”*

1 - Every person is unique

There are many things that go into your design including your:

- Natural Abilities
- Learned Abilities
- Life Experiences
- Supernatural Empowerments

Romans 12:6 — “However, since we have gifts that differ according to the grace given to us, each of us is to use them properly...”

1 Peter 4:10 — “As each one has received a special gift, employ it in serving one another as good stewards of the multifaceted grace of God.”

How can I employ what God has given to me for ministry?

A steward is a manager of things he doesn’t own.

An important ministry principle is: *Faithful in little, faithful in much.*

2 - Every person is a part of the whole (the body of Christ)

Read 1 Corinthians 12:12-27

Success at the ministry fair will be if every person finds a team (or teams) where they are free to serve how they are designed to serve.

Four Suggestions to Prepare for the Ministry Fair

Suggestion #1 - Learn Your Design

Key Question: “How do my design and gifts strengthen those around me?”

1 Corinthians 14:26 NIV — “What then shall we say, brothers and sisters? When you come together, each of you has a hymn, or a word of instruction, a revelation, a tongue or an interpretation. Everything must be done so that the church may be built up.”

Take The Real You quiz at therealyou.org or scan the QR code:



Suggestion #2 - Examine Your Schedule

Ephesians 5:15-16 — “So then, be careful how you walk, not as unwise people but as wise, making the most of your time, because the days are evil.”

Ask yourself:

- Is there anything I'm doing right now that is not life-giving to me that I should eliminate from my schedule?
- Is there anything I'm not doing that would be healthy for me to have in my weekly schedule that I should add?
- Is there anything I've said yes to that is preventing me from being a part of a ministry? If so, is there a way to change that?
- When am I currently free to serve how God has wired me to serve?

Suggestion #3 - Dream

2 Corinthians 5:17 — “Therefore if anyone is in Christ, this person is a new creation; the old things passed away; behold, new things have come.”

Suggestion #4 - Invite a Friend to Go With You

Two are better than one.

Hebrews 10:24-25 — “and let's consider how to encourage one another in love and good deeds, not abandoning our own meeting together, as is the habit of some people, but encouraging one another; and all the more as you see the day drawing near.”