

Reading: Ephesians 4:11-16

Topic: Finding My Place To Serve
In The Work Of God #1

INTRODUCTION: The Word of God makes it _____ that we are not saved just to be saved ourselves but once we are saved, we are called to _____ and do some work in the Kingdom of God that we have been designed to do.

I. NO ONE IDLE:

A. Sitters or Servers?

1. When it comes to most churches, there are two basic kinds of _____ that are in the assembly, some who are involved in the _____ and others who just watch.
2. Of the two types of people, unfortunately the _____ outnumber the _____ and because of that, the Work of God is lacking in _____ for the harvest field. Lk. 10:2
3. The Master does not desire for any of His people to be just _____ and be idle, but instead has the purpose and _____ of having everyone involved and at _____ for Him. Mt. 20:6

B. Cruise Ship or Battleship?

1. On a cruise ship, the people are there to relax and have a _____ time, enjoying themselves and also satisfying themselves with viewing the _____ and gorging on the good food.
2. On a battleship, every individual is stationed there for a _____ and has an assigned _____ and task to fulfill, always ready for a _____ when the enemy shows up. Eph. 6:10-12
3. The church is not a cruise ship but a battleship, warring against the _____ who comes to steal, kill and _____ the lives of people. Jn. 10:10

II. THE FRUSTRATION FACTOR:

A. Of The Ministry:

1. The people who lead and those who are already involved in _____ often can become frustrated with the shortage of _____ to get the ministry working effectively.
2. Leaders and workers both can see the great _____ there is in their ministry if only more _____ would get involved and _____ get the job done.

B. Of The People:

1. In some cases, there are also people who are frustrated because they _____ that they should become in the _____ of God, but they are not sure of what they should do or how to go about it.
2. Unfortunately in some churches, there are carnal _____ who claim possession of a certain ministry and will fight _____ any new people getting involved on their territory.

C. The Results:

1. There are unfortunate consequences and _____ that occur when a church has more _____ than _____ and none of them are good.
2. The church and work of God suffers as there is a lack of _____, a lack of soul _____ a lack of vision and a lack of making _____.
3. The end result is often the burnout of the leaders and other _____ involved in the ministry as they

try to compensate for the lack of _____ by overworking themselves.

III. THE BIBLICAL PATTERN:

A. Everyone Involved In Something:

1. The design of the Church that Jesus started was a _____, a purpose and a _____ for everyone in the Body of Christ to be involved in. I Cor. 12:7,12
2. The concept of Christ's Church being a _____ means that every member is important and necessary and that no one should be exempt from being involved in some kind of _____. I Cor. 12:13,14,18-22

B. Understanding Ministry:

1. The Early Church began with the _____ of Christ in every member and with the desire to spread the Gospel of Jesus Christ to _____ creature as Jesus had instructed them. Mk. 16:20
2. Unfortunately, when the church descended into the dark ages, the whole concept of _____ changed and evolved into a priest versus _____ concept where the priest or minister did all of the _____ of the ministry and the people became just the recipients and the spectators.
3. Some of this mentality still exists even in Apostolic churches today, where the _____ believe that the work of the ministry is reserved only for the _____ and certain leaders while they are there to be on the receiving end of benefits and blessings.
4. This is definitely not what the Word of God teaches us but instead reveals that the _____ of the church are to be equipped to do the work of the _____. Eph. 4:11,12

CONCLUSION: Every born again believer needs to _____ to the realization that they have been put into the Kingdom of God to become involved in the _____ of God in some capacity.