Growing Up (8)

SAVED TO SERVE



We are born into God's Kingdom for a purpose. God has provided all we need so we can grow, but He now wants us to be useful in his Kingdom. We are saved to serve! Let's see what this means.

1. JESUS CAME TO SERVE		
t	What is one reason Jesus came to this earth?	
	Matthew 20:28	
t	What should we be like then?	
	Matthew 20:26-28	
Sometimes families have others to help in their homes – a maid, a nanny (someone who looks after children), a driver, or a servant. Some of us would not choose those kinds of jobs as they don't seem very important. Is Jesus saying these are the jobs we should do to be a 'servant'? No, He is speaking about the kind of attitude we should have.		
t	How did Jesus act as a servant?	
	John 6:38	
	Luke 22:41-42	
t	What kind of attitude did Jesus have in all He did?	
	Philippians 2:3-8	
•	As you look at the example of Jesus, what area of your life do you need to change most?	
2.	WE ARE CALLED TO SERVE	
ŧ	In what ways are we all to serve the Lord?	
	Matthew 25:34-40	
	Hebrews 6:10	
Ch	nen we serve others it is as if we are doing it for Jesus. You may think you are just a new ristian, or you don't have any special ability to help others, but God's Word says He has given ch one of us spiritual gifts.	

Why has God given us these gifts?

1 Corinthians 12:7_____



t V	What are the gifts or special abilities God has given us in the following verses?	
	1 Corinthians 12:8-11	
	Romans 12:6-8	
	1 Peter 4:10-11	
ቱ \	Where do these gifts come from?	
	1 Corinthians 12:4-6	
Some gifts are unusual and others may seem very ordinary, but each gift is important.		
\$ {\\	What gifts do you think the Holy Spirit has given you? Share	
Perhaps you are not sure yet what gifts the Holy Spirit has given you, or you have not had time to use these gifts.		
tr ∨	Vhat advise does God's Word give us so we can discover and grow in our gifts?	
	1Timothy 4:14-15	
	Ephesians 5:15-16	
	Hebrews 10:24-25	

We have learnt that God saved us for a purpose. God wants us to know him and become like His Son, Jesus. God has also called us to serve Him. He has given each one of us spiritual gifts or abilities by His Holy Spirit so we can do this. The first place where we are to use these gifts is in the Body of Christ or the church. This is a place where you can begin to serve God using your gifts, but wherever you go it is important to find other believers and have fellowship, and serve God there.

Pray for one another that each one will use their gifts to serve God. Share any other needs and pray for one another.

Memory Verse

"God has given gifts to each of you from his great variety of spiritual gifts. Manage them well so that God's generosity can flow through you."

1 Peter 4:10

