



Grow More in '24

"Your Local Church Needs You"

Growing in service

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But seek first God's Kingdom and his righteousness,
and all these things will be given to you as well - **Matthew 6:33**

- Beware of the many distractions to your faith in Christ
- Find out the needs of your local church
- Use your gifts for the service of Christ and his church

2 Timothy 2: 3-10 - Entangled in 'civilian affairs'

Beware of endless calls to action, and distractions to your faith in Christ

- 24 HOUR News coverage and media:
 - Environment, politics, climate change, social injustice, poverty alleviation, animal rights (whales, panda, polar bears), gender inequality, anti-war protests, modern day slavery, pollution reduction, deforestation, social movements, debt relief, etc...
- As commanding officer, Christ's first concern was to obey God
- Forgiveness from sin and eternal life are priorities in God's church

Romans 12:3-8 - Humble service in the body of Christ

- The risk of a 'man-centred' church (1 Corinthians 1:10-17, 3:1-9)
- Use sober judgement of your own abilities
- Interdependence in the church was the original plan

1 Corinthians 12:12-31 - Unity and diversity in the body

- There is a place for you in God's church
- Useful words to remember in the church of Christ:
- We, teamwork, collaboration, interdependency, community, and unity

Ephesians 4:9-16 - Unity and maturity in the body of Christ

- Purpose by design | The reasons for organisation
- Apostles, prophets, teachers, pastors and evangelists were given for:
- The maturity, unity and a knowledge of God for the whole church

Acts 6:1-4 - An example of meeting a need | Teamwork and delegation

But what are the present and future needs of *your* local church?

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Ephesians 2:8-9 - Created in Christ Jesus to do good works

How can you use *your* gifts to serve God's church?

(based on Romans 12:6-8)

- Prophesying (preaching)
- Serving
- Teaching
- Encouraging
- Giving
- Leading
- Showing mercy

Note:

"Lord Kitchener Needs You" is a 1914 advertisement depicting Lord Kitchener, the British Secretary of State for War, above the words "NEEDS YOU". Kitchener, wearing the cap of a British field marshal, stares and points at the viewer calling them to enlist in the British Army against the Central Powers. The image is considered one of the most iconic and enduring images of World War I. A hugely influential image and slogan, it has inspired imitations in other countries.