

Plugging Into Ministry
Knowing and Using My Spiritual Gifts
"Seeing Life as God Sees Life"

PERSONAL APPLICATION

Review the main lesson outline briefly

1. What gifts did you identify as your God given spiritual gifts?
2. What is the main responsibility of a Christian according to Matthew 28-19-20?
3. How can you use your gifts and abilities to fulfill God's plan for reaching and serving others?

PRIVATE MEDITATION

Read the Scripture and identify 1 thought to take with you for that day
Write down your daily thought under each day

Monday – Matthew 28:19-20

Thought:

Tuesday – Acts 2:41-47

Thought:

Wednesday – Acts 6:1-7

Thought:

Thursday – Isaiah 6:1-9

Thought:

Friday – Jeremiah 1:4-10

Thought:

Saturday – Psalm 103:1-22

Sunday – Testimony time about what God has

taught us in 2010.

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Acts 6:1-7

I. **Our Authority** – Matthew 28:16-20

- A. It comes from God – “authority” = “exousia” meaning privilege, right, liberty, jurisdiction, authority...
- B. It includes our responsibility –
 - 1. To go – “poreuomai” meaning to travel, to remove, to depart, take a journey
 - 2. Make disciples – “matheteuo” meaning to become a pupil, enroll as a scholar
 - 3. Make disciples of Christ – baptism is identification with Christ.
 - 4. Teach them what God has taught us – the importance of God’s Word
- C. It is backed by a promise – the presence of God in our lives all the way
 - 1. Age – Greek word “aion” meaning an age or specifically a Messianic period of time.
 - 2. The Church age or the age of Grace is what we are currently in. This will end at the rapture when we will be taken to Heaven.

II. **Our Ability** – Acts 1:8 – The Holy Spirit’s Power

III. **Our Actions** – Acts 6:1-7

- A. The situation
 - 1. People were being neglected (overlooked), not having their needs met daily.

- 2. The numbers were growing

B. The Solution

- 1. **They needed more people involved** – The disciples could not do everything
- 2. **Everyone has their part in the ministry based on their gifts** – It was not right for the apostles to neglect or abandon the teaching of the Word, but they did not have time to do both.
- 3. **The people needed to be qualified for the task**
 - a) Our gifts and spiritual SHAPE!
 - b) Our spiritual maturity and condition – Psalm 51:1-3, 10-13; Isaiah 6:1-8

C. The Spiritual Results

- 1. The Word of God spreads
- 2. The number of disciples increases rapidly (the Greek word means exceedingly, much)
- 3. People who did not know the Lord were saved.

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