

Service is NOT Optional

Galatians 5:13

You, my brothers, were called to be free. But do not use your freedom to indulge the sinful nature; rather, serve one another in love. 14 The entire law is summed up in a single command: "Love your neighbor as yourself."

Matthew 25:14-30

To fail to use what God has entrusted to us is sin.

A spiritual gift is the way the Spirit works through a Christian for the good of the community.

Bethel Church is not the only place to serve, but for most of us it will be the primary place of service.

Major NT passages teaching about gifts and their use.

1 Corinthians 12:1-31

Ephesians 4:1-16

Romans 12:3-8

1 Peter 4:7-11

We all are gifted.

Spiritual gifts are demonstrations of God's grace and given at the Spirit's discretion.

Spiritual gifts are given for the common good. They are a corporate possession.

Spiritual gifts are to be exercised in dependence upon the indwelling Holy Spirit.

A church needs all who are gifted to serve. Every person is necessary.

Ephesians 4:16

From him the whole body, joined and held together by every supporting ligament, grows and builds itself up in love, as each part does its work