



OPEN

Recognizing Opportunities to Serve in the Church

As you attend church, ask the Lord to reveal to you the opportunities and possibilities for serving.

Be OPEN!

O = Observe

Observe the following:

- The areas God is working
- Who is overworked
- Who needs help

P = Pray

Pray with purpose:

- For a burden to serve
- For awareness of opportunities to serve
- For sensitivity to the Spirit's leading toward a particular service

E = Engage

Engage with other servants:

- Ask leaders in the church to share their vision with you
- Ask leaders where they need people to serve
- Ask leaders to pray for you as you seek a place of service

N = Now

- Now is the time to get started!
- You learn to serve by serving
- Commit to moving forward in God's plan as your eyes are OPENed!

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P: Prayer

E: Engage

N: Now

SERVICE INVENTORY

Consider the following as you evaluate all that God has given you to equip and prepare you for service in your church.

1. Spiritual growth

Opportunities God has provided for you to mature in Christ.

2. Talents God has given you

(e.g., art, music, athletic ability, prayer, driving skills, good rapport with children, communication skills, audio-visual, computer skill, decorating, cooking, mechanical ability, etc.)

3. Spiritual gifts God has given you

If you are not sure, ask a leader in your church for help in discovering your gifts.

4. Resources with which God has blessed you

(e.g., income, home, car, clothes, food, bicycle, computer, furniture, a garden, books, etc.)

5. Family

(e.g., ways your family could serve together)

6. Job/Career

(e.g., skills that you have gained from job/career)

7. Life stage

Opportunities associated with your present stage of life (single, married, children, retired)

8. Time

Availability in your current schedule or adjustments you could make

9. Hobbies/Other interests

The extra skills you have acquired in life

10. Mentoring

People who could benefit from your investment into their life

11. Creative planning

Events or outreaches you could host/organize for your church (one time or ongoing)

12. Give thanks, and get started!

Thank Him for what He has provided and for the privilege of serving Him in your church!

Which of the items above is God showing you could be used in serving in your church?

Answer this question prayerfully: Where is God calling me to serve in my church?