

Text: 1 Corinthians 12:4-7
Topic: Ministry. Purpose.
Study: First Corinthians
Week: 48
Series: 2 of 4

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Staying Focused on the Reason God Has Me Here

1. Adopt _____ (v.7b)

1 Cor. 12:4-11

⁴ There are different kinds of gifts, but the same Spirit.

⁵ There are different kinds of service, but the same Lord.

⁶ There are different kinds of working, but the same God works all of them in all men. ⁷ Now to each one the manifestation of the Spirit is given for the common good. (NIV)

2. Don't _____ (vv.6b-7a)

3. Think _____ (vv.4-6a)

Application Questions

These questions are provided for your further study and application of today's message. Thoughtfully writing out the answers to these questions will help to drive home the point of today's message. It is also helpful to discuss your answers with others. This can take place with friends, your family, accountability partners, or ministry groups within the church.

1. Imagine that you met someone on the patio of the church who was seriously doubting God's love. How would you go about describing the quality and quantity of God's love for his children?

How does the depth of God's love for all our church members challenge **your** thoughts, feelings and intentions toward them?

2. What are some of the consequences of being apathetic about loving and serving the people for whom Christ died?

What joy and fulfillment have you derived from specific acts of service to God's people?

3. What are some specific ways you can love, serve, encourage and build up some of the people of our church? Devise a plan!

Read through the Bible in a year! Here is this week's schedule.

Sunday

Ex.29-30 & Mk.11

Monday

Ex.31-32 & Mk.12

Tuesday

Ex.33-34 & Mk.13

Wednesday

Ex.35-36 & Mk.14

Thursday

Ex.37-38 & Mk.15

Friday

Ex.39-40 & Mk.16

Saturday

Lev.1-2 & Mk.17

Here are some resources which may help you understand and implement the truths presented in this week's sermon.

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