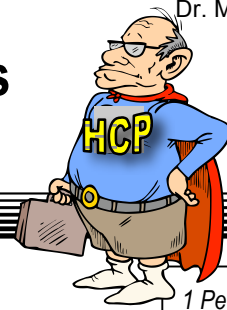


Highly Committed Participants


Serving God with Excellence



1. Why Be an HCP?

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2. The Basics of Being an HCP


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3. Your Specific Task as an HCP

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1 Peter 4:7-11

⁷ The end of all things is near. Therefore be clear minded and self-controlled so that you can pray. ⁸ Above all, love each other deeply, because love covers over a multitude of sins. ⁹ Offer hospitality to one another without grumbling.

¹⁰ Each one should use whatever gift he has received to serve others, faithfully administering God's grace in its various forms.

¹¹ If anyone speaks, he should do it as one speaking the very words of God. If anyone serves, he should do it with the strength God provides, so that in all things God may be praised through Jesus Christ. To him be the glory and the power for ever and ever. Amen.

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Application Questions

These questions are provided for your further study and application of today's sermon. Thoughtfully writing out the answers to these questions will help to drive home the point of today's study. It is also helpful when you are able to discuss your answers with others.

1. Compare **Ecclesiastes 2:11**, **Hebrews 6:10** and **Matthew 6:19-21**. How do these verses motivate you to reevaluate the use of your time and energy?

Describe an expenditure of yourself in ministry that was hard at the time, but you look back on now as a great and worthwhile investment.

2. What are some of the "time wasters" and insignificant activities in your weekly life that can be replaced with service to the body of Christ?
3. What fears or concerns do you have about investing more of yourself in ministry?
4. What are some of the godly motives for serving in the church?
5. What ministry skills has God been developing in your life over the past year or two?
6. What are some new commitments you are willing to make to serve Christ's church?

Here is a list of other recorded sermons by Pastor Mike which may assist you in your further study of today's message.

CD # 0808 – **Fortifying the Church to Make a Difference**
CD # 0403 – **Rethinking God's New Plan for My New Life**
CD # 0404 – **Staying Focused on Why God Has Me Here**
CD # 0405 – **Zeroing In on God's Task for Me Right Now**
CD # 0406 – **Keeping Myself in Perspective as I Serve God's People**

Read Through the Bible in a Year

Here's this
week's schedule:

March 29th
Deut.25-26 & Lk.13
March 30th
Deut.27-28 & Lk.14
March 31st
Deut.29-30 & Lk.15
April 1st
Deut.31-32 & Lk.16
April 2nd
Deut.33-4 & Lk.17
April 3rd
Josh.1-2 & Lk.18
April 4th
Josh.3-4 & Lk.19
April 5th
Josh.5-6 & Lk.20

Here are some resources which may assist you in a deeper study of the truths presented in this week's sermon.

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