

# EQUIP

PUTTING YOUR SPIRITUAL GIFTS INTO ACTION

# SESSION 4 – COMMITTED TO SERVE

**Session Symbol:**



**Purpose:** To joyfully commit to step into service in the body of Christ.

**Answers Question:**  
*Will I Serve?*



# PARABLE OF THE TWO SONS

“But what do you think? A man had two sons, and he came to the first and said, ‘Son, go, work today in my vineyard.’ He answered and said, ‘I will not,’ but afterward he regretted it and went. Then he came to the second and said likewise. And he answered and said, ‘I go, sir,’ but he did not go. Which of the two did the will of his father?” They said to Him, “The first.” Jesus said to them, “Assuredly, I say to you that tax collectors and harlots enter the kingdom of God before you.” –Matthew 21:28–31

Profession without **ACTION** has no value.

God desires that we not only verbally make a commitment to service, but that we step forward and serve.

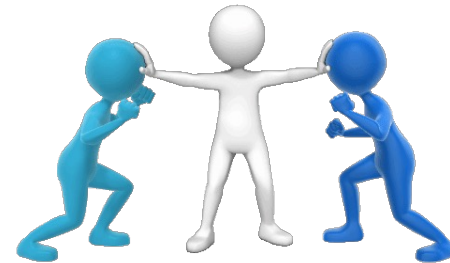
# SIDE-TRACKED FROM SERVICE

## 1. Member CONFLICT

- There are no perfect disciples in the church.
- How should you work with imperfect people? Treat others the way Christ treats you.

## 2. Member BURNOUT

- You can serve without balance in ministry.
- Another way a member can burn out is by working alone in ministry.
- Burnout can happen when there are unrealistic expectations.



# SIDE-TRACKED FROM SERVICE, CONT.

## 3. LIES about member ministry

- Lie: “I’m not gifted enough to serve.”
  - Truth: “Now you are the body of Christ, and members individually” (1 Corinthians 12:27).
- Lie: “My gift is not that important.”
  - Truth: “And those members of the body which we think to be less honorable, on these we bestow greater honor” (1 Corinthians 12:23).
- Lie: “I don’t have special training, therefore I cannot do ministry.”
  - Truth: “But you are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, His own special people, that you may proclaim the praises of Him who called you out of darkness into His marvelous light” (1 Peter 2:9).

# DEVELOPING YOUR GIFTS

1. Use your gift often.
2. Study a ministry description.
3. Attend a class, seminar, or retreat.
4. Read up on your gifts.
5. Go online.



# CONNECTED WITH CHRIST

*By living to minister for others, man[kind] is brought into connection with Christ. The law of service becomes the connecting link which binds us to God and to our fellow men.*

*–Christ’s Object Lessons, p. 326*



# THANK YOU FOR COMING

God bless you as you use your spiritual gifts for His glory!

