

"Mission Possible!"

Living for Jesus:

Because of what we have been given: God's mercy

We respond by giving: committing our bodies

In the context of the church: belonging to each other

Some gift principles:

Our gifts are God's idea, not ours

Everyone has at least one, probably more

No one has all the gifts, we need each other

We can know what our gifts are, and probably do

God's gifts are for others, not for ourselves

Gifts must be used, they require action

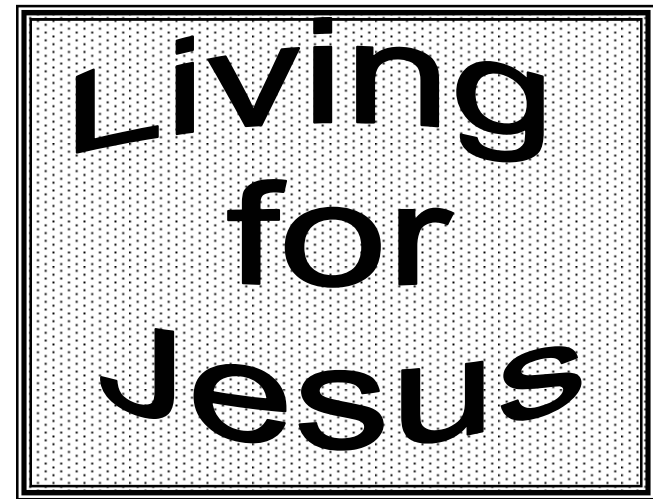
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Your Mission Assignment:

When you get home, break the seal to this folder, read and complete the mission described inside.

Romans 12:6-8

6 We have different gifts, according to the grace given us. If a man's gift is **prophesying**, let him use it in proportion to his faith. 7 If it is **is serving**, let him serve; if it is **teaching**, let him teach; 8 if it is **encouraging**, let him encourage; if it is **contributing to the needs of others**, let him give generously; if it is **leadership**, let him govern diligently; if it is **showing mercy**, let him do it cheerfully.



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Your Mission

Your mission, should you decide to accept it, is to take action as soon as possible to use at least one gift God has given you. You may act alone, as a family, or as small group. If possible, complete your assignment today, but it must be completed by the end of the week.

Your mission is complete only after having returned the enclosed response form.

Action Idea Starters

Prophesying: (used in proportion to my faith)

Is there someone you know with whom you need to share your witness? You've known for some time that God has been laying them on your heart, and the time has come for you to, by faith, talk to them about Jesus. (Remember, success is not measured by the response the person gives, but by your faithfulness to be a witness.) Maybe there is someone you have not seen at church for some time and God is leading you to call on them and let them know someone cares about them and misses them.

Serving: (let me serve)

Who do you know has need for some help? Perhaps they are an older person, or a single mom, or a handicapped person. Take the time to do something that really helps them out. Maybe it is cleaning their house, raking their leaves, washing or maintaining their car. Use your imagination! Don't ask, just do!

Teaching: (let me teach)

Do you have a skill or an ability that someone else would benefit by learning? Maybe it is teaching someone to cook, change their oil, grow things. You may have a hobby or

sport you could take time to teach to a child or someone else who would never get to do something if you didn't take them.

Encouraging (let me encourage)

Are you aware of anyone that you know who may be discouraged, sad or lonely? Perhaps you know of someone who is ill, shut-in, or in a nursing home. You may even want to consider taking some time and just go to the nursing home and visiting with perfect strangers. Consider asking the staff for the names of any patients who rarely receive visitors. You can encourage by taking them something special, visiting and talking with them. Get to know their stories. Give them the most precious thing you have, your time.

Contributing to the needs of others (let me give generously)

Do you know of anyone who is going through really hard times right now? Perhaps they are unemployed, or have experienced an illness. You may know of a single mom who is having a hard time making it. This may be the time God will lay on your heart to give to them out of the generosity of your heart. Perhaps you can take them some food, pay a bill, or just give them some money.

Leadership (let me govern diligently)

What needs are you aware of in our church and community that are not being met? Are you aware of anything that someone just needs to take the initiative to do? Leadership is not telling someone else what to do, it is empowering and enabling things to be done. Our greatest tool for leadership is the leadership we model.

Showing mercy (let me do it cheerfully)

Who do you know that has hurt you or someone you know? Do you know someone who has made some big mistake and is suffering consequences. God may want you to be his instrument of His grace, love and mercy. Perhaps God wants you to be the one who will reach out to them and let them know someone still cares for them. Remember,

showing mercy to someone does not imply approval, but rather the possibility of forgiveness and restoration.