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BECOMING A ROMANS 12 TRAILMAN

JUNE TOPIC: Serve God by Serving Others Using the Gifts that He has Provided

Trailmen: God has provided gifts specific to each one of you. It is His will that you use these gifts to serve Him by serving others. God's gifts specific to each one that is a born-again Christian include:

- Spiritual Gifts
- Abilities and Talent
- Personalities and Passions
- Possessions

17 *Every good and perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of the heavenly lights . . .*
James 1:17a

Spiritual Gifts

Many of the spiritual gifts are described in Romans 12:
6 *We have different gifts, according to the grace given to each of us. If your gift is prophesying, then prophesy in accordance with your faith;* ***7*** *if it is serving, then serve; if it is teaching, then teach;* ***8*** *if it is to encourage, then give encouragement; if it is giving, then give generously; if it is to lead[j] do it diligently; if it is to show mercy, do it cheerfully.*

Also, from 1 Corinthians 12 we read:
7 *But the manifestation of the Spirit is given to each one for the profit of all:*
From the above verses, it is clear that if you are a born-again Christian, you have received at least one spiritual gift. We are commanded to use these gifts, working together, to lift up the Body of Christ, that is the Church. Greek for *profit of all* in the above verse is *sumphero* which literally means to "lift up together".

As you progress through Navigators to Adventurers, your spiritual gift(s) to serve the church may start becoming evident through the opportunities presented for service, effective results from service, leading of the Holy Spirit, recognition of your gifts by others, from God's Word, prayer and other evidences.

We are Crafted in Advance with Abilities and Talent from God for Serving

10 *For we are God's handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do.* Ephesians 2:10

God Provides the Strength Required for Service

If anyone serves, they should do so 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.
1 Peter 4:11b

When Using Your Gifts to Serve, You are Serving Christ

23 *Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord, not for human masters,* ***24*** *since you know that you will receive an inheritance from the Lord as a reward****. It is the Lord Christ you are serving.*** Colossians 3:23-24

We are to Follow Christ by Serving

28 ***Your attitude must be like my own****, for I, the Messiah, did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give my life as a ransom for many."* Matthew 20:28 (LB)