

Finding Our Function in The Body

Romans 12:1-8

“What is my function in the body of Christ?”

“How do I determine what function(s) I have?”

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EXAMINE THE FUNCTIONS

PROPHECY (Preaching) - The Greek word *propheteia* is defined as “the speaking forth of the mind counsel of God” - Vine’s

MINISTRY (Serving) - The Greek word *diakonia* means “to serve”

It is often used to describe any sort of service
2 Timothy 4:5; Romans 16:1-2

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EXAMINE THE FUNCTIONS

TEACHING (Instructing) - Acts 18:26; Titus 2:4; James 3:1

EXHORTING (Building up) - Hebrews 3:12-13

GIVING (Sharing) - 2 Corinthians 9:8-11; Philippians 4:15-17

LEADING (Shepherding) - Acts 20:17, 28; 1 Peter 5:1-3; Hebrews 13:17; 1 Timothy 3:1-7; Titus 1:5-9

SHOWING MERCY (Loving) - Matthew 25:31-36

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EXPLORE THE OPPORTUNITIES

TAKE ADVANTAGE OF LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES

TRY SERVING IN ALL AREAS OPEN TO YOU

DON'T GIVE UP AFTER THE FIRST FEW TRIES

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INQUIRE FOR ADVICE

OTHERS ARE MORE LIKELY TO BE OBJECTIVE -
Romans 12:3

ESPECIALLY MATURE CHRISTIANS

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CONCLUSION

The more diligent one can be to ...

Examine the functions of service in the body of Christ

Explore the opportunities to learn and serve in the different functions

Inquire for advice from others

Then the challenge becomes one of being diligent in utilizing our function

As Paul admonishes his readers in our text - cf. **Romans 12:6-8**

As Peter admonishes his readers in his epistle - cf. **1 Peter 4:10-11**