

Living in the Zone - Finding Your Sweet Spot
Message #2 "Coach! Put Me in the Game!"
Romans 12:1-8
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"The greatness of my life is not what flows into my life but what flows through my life."

Big Premise- If I want to live in the zone I have to _____!

Big Idea- I am best able to be in _____ when I am a conduit of God's grace into the lives of others.

THREE PRINCIPLES

Principle #1: God _____ - He pours His _____. Vs. 3

For by the grace given me I say to every one of you: Do not think of yourself more highly than you ought, but rather think of yourself with sober judgment, in accordance with the measure of faith God has given you."

He gives us _____.

He gives us His _____.

"Drink of the same Spirit..." 1 Cor. 12:13

Principle #2: God calls me _____ - God wants to flow through my life

_____. Vs. 4-8

"Just as each of us has one body with many members, and these members do not all have the same function, ⁵ so in Christ we who are many form one body, and each member belongs to all the others. 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 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."

Four Quick Truths

1. Not every person has the _____.

"We have different gifts, according to the grace given us..."

2. It takes _____ to have a healthy body.

"If the whole body were an eye, where would the sense of hearing be? If the whole body were an ear, where would the sense of smell be? ¹⁸ But in fact God has arranged the parts in the body, every one of them, just as He wanted them to be. ¹⁹ If they were all one part, where would the body be?" 1 Cor. 12:17-19

3. Our purpose is to benefit _____.

"...so in Christ we who are many form one body, and each member belongs to all the others." vs. 5

"Now to each one the manifestation of the Spirit is given for the common good." 1 Cor. 12:7

"...try to excel in gifts that build up the church." 1 Cor. 14:12

"All of these must be done for the strengthening of the church." 1 Cor. 14:26

4. We have a responsibility before God and man to _____.

"...use it...let him serve...let him teach...let him encourage...let him give...let him govern...let him do it..."

Principle #3: When I give to others God is _____ and He simply _____

_____.

Truth- There is a measure of God's blessing that you will never experience if you are not

"God wants my life to be a river, not a reservoir."

How Do I Find My Ministry Sweet Spot?

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"But in fact God has arranged the parts in the body, every one of them, just as He wanted them to be." 1 Cor. 12:18-19

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"Delight yourself in the Lord and He will give you the desires of your heart." Psalm 37:4

"(The Lord) satisfies your desires with good things so that your youth is renewed like the eagle's." Psalm 103:5

"Never be lacking in zeal, but keep your spiritual fervor, serving the Lord." Romans 12:11

"Passion gets us to do what we cannot do, so that God can bless what He could not have otherwise blessed."

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Ex. 31:1-5 "Then the Lord said to Moses, 2 'See, I have chosen Bezalel son of Uri, the son of Hur, of the tribe of Judah, 3 and I have filled him with the Spirit of God, with skill, ability and knowledge in all kinds of crafts - 4 to make artistic designs for work in gold, silver and bronze, 5 to cut and set stones, to work in wood, and to engage in all kinds of craftsmanship."

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Task oriented - Process oriented

People oriented - Things oriented

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2 Cor. 1:3-5 "Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of compassion and the God of all comfort, 4 who comforts us in all our troubles, so that we can comfort those in any trouble with the comfort we ourselves have received from God."