

# GROWTH PATH

*STEP FOUR*







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# **INTRODUCTION:**

## *BUILDING WITH JESUS*

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Matthew 23:11 (NLT)

# BUILDING WITH JESUS

Every one of us have been hurt because of someone's selfish act. We've been disappointed, perhaps mistreated, or taken advantage of. We know what it feels like to be put down. The bottom line is that selfishness hurts people. People steal, kill and destroy because of sin that leads to selfishness. The truth is that we all struggle with selfishness in one way or another. Jesus is the opposite of selfishness, he is a sacrificial giver. Jesus doesn't put people down, He builds them up. Jesus doesn't hurt us, He helps us heal. As followers of Jesus we build others up. The more you grow, the more you will sow into the lives of others.

## *THE GOAL OF THIS CLASS*

The goal of this class is to build with Jesus by developing a \_\_\_\_\_ and by developing your \_\_\_\_\_.

## *BUILDING WITH JESUS*

### **1. Serving is the key to \_\_\_\_\_.**

"The greatest among you must be a servant." Matthew 23:11 (NLT)

Martin Luther King Jr said it well when he said, "Everybody can be great, because anyone can serve."

All that God has created serves a purpose. For example a tree provides shade, oxygen, lumber to build houses, furniture, and much more. All creation has a purpose. We were created in the image and likeness of God for a purpose near to God's heart. So what is our purpose? How do we discover our purpose? Our purpose is discovered in serving others. Our purpose is a solution to someones problem.

In the world, greatness is connected to being served by others. In the kingdom of God, it's completely opposite. Your purpose is to serve God and others with your time, treasures, and talents. Your purpose is not about what you can get or acquire, it's about what you can give to others.

### **2. Jesus did not come to be \_\_\_\_\_ he came to \_\_\_\_\_ others.**

"But Jesus called them together and said, 'you know that the rulers in this world lord it over their people, and officials flaunt their authority over those under them. But among you it will be different.

Whoever wants to be a leader among you must be your servant, and whoever wants to be first among you must become your slave. For even the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve others and to give his life as a ransom for many.” Matthew 20:25-28 (NLT)

Jesus, God with us, came to serve others. The creator came to cater to his creation. That is incredible to me. The bible tells us that Jesus washed his disciples feet, which was considered the work of the lowliest of servants. God in human form washed his creation’s feet. Washing the feet of others is equivalent to serving others by cleaning someone’s house, washing their car, or mowing their lawn. We look for ways to serve those we love.

We also serve our community by volunteering at our local schools, or by participating in an outreach. We can also serve here at Tree of Life to further the mission to lead people to become all in followers of Jesus Christ.

**3. We build with Jesus by developing the \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ of a servant.**

“You must have the same attitude that Christ Jesus had. Though he was God, he did not think of equality with God as something to cling to. Instead, he gave up his divine privileges; he took the humble position of a slave and was born as a human being. When he appeared in human form, he humbled himself in obedience to God and died a criminal’s death on a cross.” Philippians 2:5-8 (NLT)

Serving and sacrifice are synonyms in the Kingdom of God. In light of what Jesus has done for us, we gladly serve others. We don’t serve to be seen by others, or to get something in return. We serve because that’s who we are. We serve out of gratitude.

**4. We build up others by serving them with our \_\_\_\_\_.**

“A spiritual gift is given to each of us so we can help each other.” 1 Corinthians 12:7 (NLT)

A spiritual gift is a special ability given by the Holy Spirit to serve others and strengthen the Body of Christ. These gifts empower Christians to do the work of the ministry—to fulfill the Great Commission to reach, baptize, teach, and to minister to one another. Every Christian receives at least one gift at the moment of salvation. Spiritual gifts are not limited to specific ministries within the Church. They express themselves through various ministries which, in turn, accomplish a variety of results. A spiritual gift is the primary channel by which the Holy Spirit ministers through the believer. It is a supernatural capacity for service to God—and He gives you a supernatural desire to perform the duties of that gift. Spiritual gifts are tools for building the church. They are a source of joy in your Christian life and influence your motives. A spiritual gift is a divine calling with a divine responsibility, because what God has gifted you to do, He has called you to do, and what He has called you to do, He has gifted you to do.

# **PART I:**

## *SPIRITUAL GIFTS CATEGORIES*

“There are different kinds of spiritual gifts, but the same Spirit is the source of them all.” All of you together are Christ’s body, and each of you is a part of it.

1 Corinthians 12:4 (NLT)



# I. SPIRITUAL GIFTS CATEGORIES

There are various gifts mentioned in scripture. All of these gifts can be separated into three main categories.

## *SPIRITUAL GIFTS CATEGORIES*

### 1. The \_\_\_\_\_ Gifts

The Miraculous Gifts, generally known today as Charismatic Gifts include: apostles, tongues, interpretation of tongues, healing, and miracles.

### 2. The \_\_\_\_\_ Gifts

The Enabling Gifts are gifts which all Christians have the ability to develop, but some Christians in particular are graced to develop these gifts more easily than others. The Enabling Gifts include: faith, discernment, wisdom, and knowledge. These gifts are expressed more as qualities possessed rather than activities performed.

### 3. The \_\_\_\_\_ Gifts

The Team Gifts are service, task-oriented activities that are performed for ministry. The Team Gifts are functional and involve speaking or helping. Chances are, you have several of these gifts that vary in degrees and intensity. In many cases, spiritual gifts may even complement your secular employment.

## **PART II:**

### *SPIRITUAL GIFTS DESCRIPTIONS*

“There are different kinds of service, but the same Lord.”

1 Corinthians 12:5 (NLT)

## II. SPIRITUAL GIFTS DESCRIPTIONS

When you registered for this class, you were emailed a link to a Spiritual Gifts Analysis. The Spiritual Gifts Analysis you took identified your dominant Team Gifts, which will help you find your place on God's team in your church. Prayer and serving God will also help you see where God wants you to serve in ministry, in your church, and daily life. Your analysis results will help you identify your dominant and secondary team gifts, which are the ones that will have greater influence in your life. These are the areas where you are gifted to be most effective and efficient, and in which you will find it easiest to excel.

### *SPIRITUAL GIFTS DESCRIPTIONS*

The following contains definitions of the Spiritual gifts. While not meant to be dogmatic or final, these definitions and supporting scriptures do correspond to characteristics of the gifts as expressed in the Gifts Questionnaire.

#### **Administration**

The gift of administration is the divine strength or ability to organize multiple tasks and groups of people to accomplish these tasks. Luke 14:28-30; Acts 6:1-7; 1 Corinthians 12:28

#### **Evangelism**

The gift of evangelism is the divine strength or ability to help non-Christians take the necessary steps to becoming a born-again Christian. Acts 8:5-6, 8:26-40, 14:21, 21:8; Ephesians 4:11-14

#### **Exhortation**

The gift of exhortation is the divine strength or ability to encourage others through the written or spoken word and Biblical truth. Acts 14:22; Romans 12:8; 1 Timothy 4:13; Hebrews 10:24-25

#### **Giving**

The gift of giving is the divine strength or ability to produce wealth and to give by financial means for the purpose of advancing the Kingdom of God on earth. Mark 12:41-44; Romans 12:8; 2 Corinthians 8:1-7, 9:2-7

#### **Service**

The gift of serving is the divine strength or ability to do small or great tasks in working for the overall good of the body of Christ. Acts 6:1-7; Romans 12:7; Galatians 6:10; 1 Timothy 1:16-18; Titus 3:14

**Mercy**

The gift of mercy is the divine strength or ability to feel empathy and to care for those who are hurting in any way. Matthew 9:35-36; Mark 9:41; Romans 12:8; 1 Thessalonians 5:14

**Prophecy**

The gift of prophecy is the divine strength or ability to boldly speak and bring clarity to scriptural and doctrinal truth, in some cases foretelling God's plan. Acts 2:37-40, 7:51-53, 26:24-29; 1 Corinthians 14:1-4; 1 Thessalonians 1:5

**Shepherd**

The gift of shepherd is the divine strength or ability to care for the personal needs of others by nurturing and mending life issues. John 10:1-18; Ephesians 4:11-14; 1 Timothy 3:1-7; 1 Peter 5:1-3

**Teaching**

The gift of teaching is the divine strength or ability to study and learn from the Scriptures primarily to bring understanding and depth to other Christians. Acts 18:24-28, 20:20-21; 1 Corinthians 12:28; Ephesians 4:11-14

## **PART III:**

### *NEXT STEPS*

“Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses, let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles, and let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us. Let us fix our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of our faith.”

Hebrews 12:1-2

## III. NEXT STEPS

1. **Find ways to serve in your home, school, or work place.**
2. **Choose a team to start serving with.**
  - A. Review the different Teams.
  - B. Based upon your gifting, find out where you can be of help.
  - C. If your first choice doesn't quite fit, try another team.
3. **Cultivate your gifts.**
  - A. Focus on helping others and your gifts will mature.
  - B. Ask your team or leader for feedback on how to improve.
  - C. Volunteer for an Outreach Project to serve our community

## **ADDITIONAL INFO:**

### *SERVE TEAMS*

“All of you together are Christ’s body, and each of you is a part of it.”

1 Corinthians 12:27 (NLT)

# SERVE TEAMS

## *WE ARE THE HANDS & FEET OF JESUS*

God has entrusted His church with the most meaningful cause on Earth and He empowers everyday people to fulfill His purpose. With a big city to serve, we have a lot to do. We want you to know that there's a place for you on the team. We need all hands on deck to see our city come to Jesus.

Serving the local church is one of the best ways to develop meaningful friendships while learning new skills or strengthening established ones. Join the team. Make a difference!

### **TOL Kids Team**

Fun, faith, & friends is our core focus! We start with lots of fun to connect and open our kid's hearts to receive the gospel. Then we build up their faith and help them build good friendships within the church. TOL Kids is a great place to get involved if you find yourself excited about influencing the next generation! Opportunities include teachers, assistants, and more. *(Background check required)*

### **Operations Team**

Is working behind the scenes more your thing? The Operations Team makes sure things are set and ready for church to run smoothly every Sunday. We are first on the scene and the last ones out the door. If you care about excellence, image, details, and have a heart to help our church run smoothly, we'd love to have your help on the team!

### **Host Team**

As the Host Team, we set the vibe and make everyone who walks through our doors feel welcomed and at home. We accomplish this with a bright smile, a warm welcome, and a helping hand ready to assist each person find their way around campus. So if you love to host people and make them feel at home, we are the right team for you!

### **Music Team**

Have a desire to use your musical gifts to lead our church into the presence of God? Our Music Team is a team of vocalist and musicians gathered around the desire to lift up the name of Jesus through songs of praise and worship. If you would like to audition to be a part of the Worship Team, submit your info and a ministry leader will get in touch with you as soon as possible.

### **Production Team**

Encompassing audio, visuals, lighting, and ranging in scope from setting up gear to setting the tone of our service, the Production Team is responsible for creating engaging production elements to support all Tree of Life services. Our team ranges in talent and experience, so whatever your experience or skill level, we'd love to talk about how to get you involved!

### **Creative Team**

The Creative Team is made up of various roles that are always changing, but currently we are looking for people with experience in: Graphic Design, Videography, Photography, Social Media, and Venue Design. Whatever your creative talent, come be a part of an awesome team that gets to help shape the creative designs of our church.







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