SERMON NOTES

Sunday, September 25, 2011

"SEEKING TO SERVE"

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Today is our annual Ministry Fair. God has created each of us to serve and minister in His name. Today we will be challenged in our service to the Lord by a great biblical example.

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"Your hands shaped me and made me" (Job 10:8, NIV).

- **S** <u>Spiritual Gifts</u>
- **H** <u>Heart</u>
- A <u>Abilities</u>
- **P** <u>Personality</u>
- E Experiences

1. Being a disciple is more than being a Christian.

2. Faith without works is dead.

"For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith—and this not from yourselves, it is the gift of God—not by works, so that no one can boast. For we are God's workmanship, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do" (Ephesians 2:8-10, NIV). "What good is it, my brothers, if a man claims to have faith but has no deeds? Can such faith save him? Suppose a brother or sister is without clothes and daily food. If one of you says to him, "Go, I wish you well; keep warm and well fed," but does nothing about his physical needs, what good is it? In the same way, faith by itself, if it is not accompanied by action, is dead" (James 2:14-17, NIV).

3. There is room for all <u>in the service of God</u>.

"There are different kinds of gifts, but the same Spirit. There are different kinds of service, but the same Lord. There are different kinds of working, but the same God works all of them in all men" (1 Corinthians 12:4-6, NIV).