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THE BEREANS

ACTS 17:11

John 21:18-25
Lesson #74
Bondservants
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4 misconceptions of God's will

"Follow Me!"

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Context of John 21:18-25

1. **The gift of fish.**
2. **The challenge to bring God's gifts to others.**

"15 So when they had finished breakfast, Jesus said to Simon Peter, "Simon, son of John, do you **love** Me more than these?" He said to Him, "Yes, Lord; You know that I **love** You." He said to him, "Tend My lambs."

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• The Greek text uses different words for "love".

	Jesus' Q	Peter's A	Command
vs.15	agapao	phileo	feed lambs
vs.16	agapao	phileo	shepherd sheep
vs.17	phileo	phileo	feed sheep

- agapao - action
- phileo - affection
- Is Jesus looking for affection that produces sacrificial service?

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John 21

"18 Truly, truly, I say to you, when you were younger, you used to gird yourself, and walk wherever you wished; but when you grow old, you will stretch out your hands, and someone else will gird you, and bring you where you do not wish to go." 19 Now this He said, signifying by what kind of death he would glorify God. And when He had spoken this, He said to him, "Follow Me!" 20 Peter, turning around, saw the disciple whom Jesus loved following them; the one who also had leaned back on His breast at the supper, and said, "Lord, who is the one who betrays You?" 21 Peter therefore seeing him said to Jesus, "Lord, and what about this man?" 22 Jesus said to him, "If I want him to remain until I come, what is that to you? You follow Me!"

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Dispelling misconceptions in "following Jesus"

1. **We will not be guided on the same but many different paths.**

Character

universal standards

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personal abilities

Calling

individual roles

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1 Corinthians 12:4-6

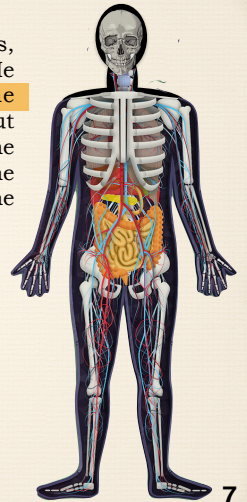
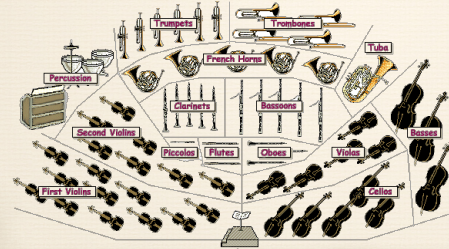
"Now there are varieties of **gifts**, but the same Spirit. And there are varieties of **ministries**, and the same Lord. And there are varieties of **effects**, but the same God who works all things in all persons."

- **Different Abilities - Spirit**
- **Different Appointments - Lord**
- **Different Applications - God**

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1 Corinthians 12

"¹⁸ But now God has placed the members, each one of them, in the body, just as He desired. ¹⁹ And **if they were all one member**, where would the body be? ²⁰ But now there are many members, but one body. ²¹ And the eye cannot say to the hand, 'I have no need of you'; or again the head to the feet, 'I have no need of you.'"



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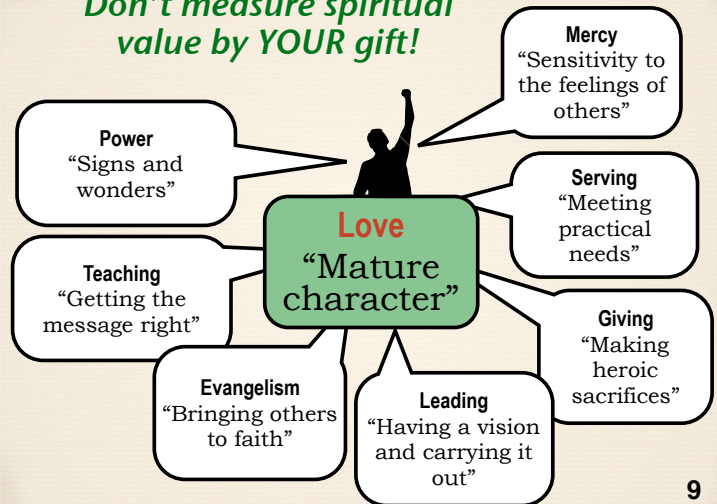
house rules

- Put your **best foot forward**.
- Don't **lose your balance**.
- Don't **kick your neighbor**.



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Don't measure spiritual value by YOUR gift!



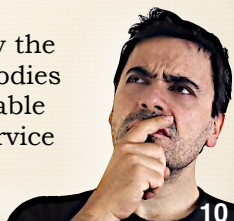
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2. We will not be called to greater freedom but to **less freedom**.

Romans 12:1

"I urge you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies a **living and holy sacrifice**, acceptable to God, which is your spiritual service of worship."



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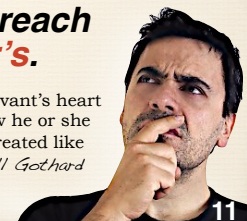
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Romans 1:1

"Paul, a bond-servant of Christ Jesus, called as an apostle, set apart for the gospel of God."

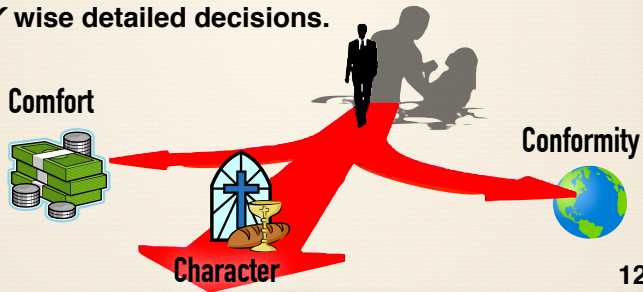
"The sign of a servant's heart is revealed in how he or she responds when treated like one."
Bill Gothard



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Facing in the right direction makes it easier to find the path.

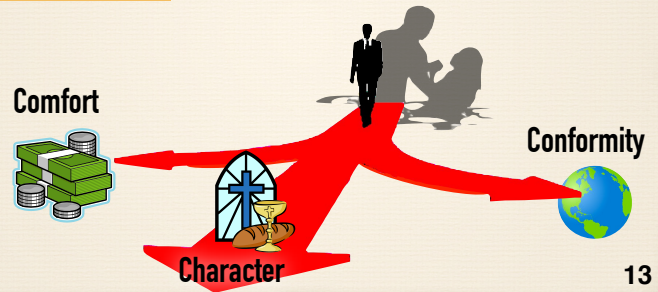
- Take your baptism seriously.
- Direction decisions set the stage for:
 - ✓ discerning God's Spirit.
 - ✓ wise detailed decisions.



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1 Timothy 6

“⁵ . . . men of depraved mind and deprived of the truth, who suppose that godliness is a means of gain. ⁶ But godliness actually is a means of great gain, when accompanied by contentment.”



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4. We will not be called to **escape** but **embrace suffering**.



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“Whoever wants to be my disciple must deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me.” Mathew 16:24



Philippians 3:8,10

“I have suffered the loss of all things, and count them but rubbish so that I may gain Christ. . . .that I may know him and the power of his resurrection and the fellowship of his sufferings, being conformed to his death;” ¹⁵

Philippians 2

“³ Do nothing from selfishness or empty conceit, but with humility of mind let each of you regard one another as more important than himself; ⁴ do not merely look out for your own personal interests, but also for the interests of others. ⁵ Have this attitude in yourselves which was also in Christ Jesus, ⁶ who, although He existed in the form of God, did not regard equality with God a thing to be grasped, ⁷ but emptied Himself, taking the form of a bond-servant, and being made in the likeness of men. ⁸ And being found in appearance as a man, He humbled Himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross.”

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John 21:25

“And there are also many other things which Jesus did, which if they were written in detail, I suppose that even the world itself would not contain the books which were written.”

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