**Serve in Ministry**

**The Cure – Part 1**

**1 Peter 4:10-11**

**November 7, 2021**

**God has given each of you a gift from his great variety of spiritual gifts. Use them well to serve one another. Do you have the gift of speaking? Then speak as though God himself were speaking through you. Do you have the gift of helping others? Do it with all the strength and energy that God supplies. Then everything you do will bring glory to God through Jesus Christ. All glory and power to him forever and ever! Amen. 1 Peter 4:10-11**

**1. Our gifts and abilities come from God.**

**The LORD has filled Bezalel with the Spirit of God, giving him great wisdom, ability, and expertise in all kinds of crafts. He is a master craftsman, expert in working with gold, silver, and bronze. He is skilled in engraving and mounting gemstones and in carving wood. He is a master at every craft. And the LORD has given both him and Oholiab…the ability to teach their skills to others. The LORD has given them special skills as engravers, designers, embroiderers in blue, purple, and scarlet thread on fine linen cloth, and weavers. They excel as craftsmen and as designers. Exodus 35:31-35**

* **Every person has natural abilities and talents given to them by God.**
* **Every Christian has at least one spiritual gift given to them by God.**

**2. God gives a variety abilities and gifts.**

**“Poi-ki-los” is the Greek word from which we get polka dot.**

**There are different kinds of spiritual gifts…There are different ways of serving… There are different abilities to perform service, but the Spirit's presence is shown in some way in each person for the good of all. 1 Corinthians 12:4-7**

**How do We Discover our Gifts?**

* **Take a test.**
* **Ask those who know you best.**
* **Trial and error.**

**3. God give us our abilities and gifts so we can serve others.**

**There was a believer in Joppa named Tabitha (which in Greek is Dorcas). She was always doing kind things for others and helping the poor. About this time, she became ill and died. Her body was washed for burial and laid in an upstairs room. But the believers had heard that Peter was nearby at Lydda, so they sent two men to beg him, “Please come as soon as possible!” So Peter returned with them; and as soon as he arrived, they took him to the upstairs room. The room was filled with widows who were weeping and showing him the coats and other clothes Dorcas had made for them. Acts 9:36-39**

**4. When properly used our gifts and abilities bring glory to God.**

**How are you using your gifts and abilities to serve others and bring glory to God?**