

### DAY 32-33

USING WHAT GOD GAVE YOU & HOW REAL SERVANTS ACT

#### DAY 32: USING WHAT GOD GAVE YOU

"What you are is God's gift to you; what you do with yourself is your gift to God."

Danish Proverb

- 1. Discover your shape.
- 2. Accept and enjoy your shape
- 3. Develop your shape to the fullest potential

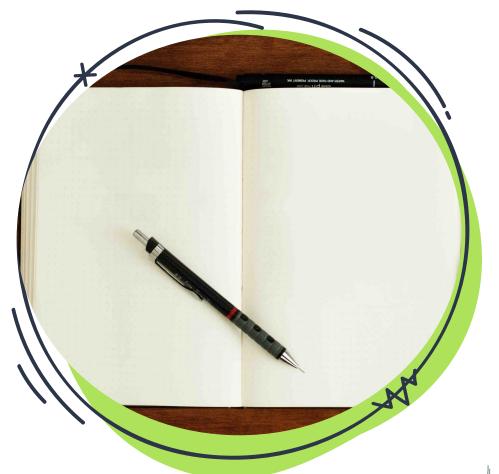




- 1. Assess gifts and abilities
- 2. Consider heart and personality
- 3. Examine your experiences and extract lessons you have learned

### PRACTICAL APPLICATION

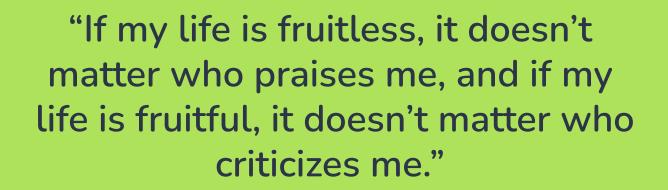
- 1. Experiment with different services
- 2. Keep a spiritual journal
- 3. Life Review Retreat



"Run with patience the particular race that God has set before us."

### ACCEPT AND ENJOY YOUR SHAPE

- 1. Don't try to become someone else.
- 2. Recognize your limitations.
- 3. Don't compare your ministry with that of others.
- 4. Don't conform to the expectations of others.





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# DEVELOP YOUR SHAPE TO THE FULLEST POTENTIAL

- 1. God expects us to make the most of the gifts He gives us.
- 2. Grow in character and broaden experiences.
- 3. Take advantage of every opportunity to sharpen your skills.

### TRAINING FOR ETERNAL SERVICE





#### **2 TIMOTHY 2:15**

Do your best to present yourself to God as one

# PROVED

a worker who has no need to be ashamed, rightly handling the word of truth.



# HOW CAN I MAKE THE BEST USE OF WHAT GOD HAS GIVEN ME?

#### DAY 33: HOW REAL SERVANTS ACT

"Your primary ministry should be in the area of your shape, but your secondary service is wherever you're needed at the moment."

Q: HOW CAN YOU KNOW IF YOU HAVE THE HEART OF A SERVANT?

A: By what they do



#### 6 CHARACTERISTICS

Make themselves available to serve

Pay attention to the needs of others Do the best with what they have

Do every task with equal dedication

Are faithful to their ministry Maintain a low profile



1. Real servants do what's needed, even when it's inconvenient, since interruptions are seen as divine appointments for ministry.

#### REAL SERVANTS PAY ATTENTION TO NEEDS.

"Do all the good you can, by all the means you can, in all the ways you can, in all the places you can, at all the times you can, to all the people you can, as long as you ever can."



- 1. They don't make excuses or procrastinate.
- 2. "Good enough" principle



### REAL SERVANTS <u>DO EVERY TASK</u> <u>WITH EQUAL DEDICATION</u>.

- 1. Follow Christ's example
- 2. "The race to be a leader is crowded but the field is wide open for those willing to be servants."



- 1. They are trustworthy and dependable.
- 2. "Well done, good and faithful servant."
- 3. They serve faithfully their whole life.





- 1. Not "eyeservice"
- 2. Self promotion and servanthood can't mix.
- 3. Prominence vs Significance

And whoever gives one of these little ones even a cup of cold water because he is a disciple, truly, I say to you,

he will by no means lose his reward.



## WHICH OF THE 6 CHARACTERISTICS IS THE MOST CHALLENGING FOR YOU?

Making yourselves available to serve

Paying attention to the needs of others

Doing the best with what you have

Doing every task with equal dedication

Being faithful to your ministry Maintaining a low profile

# DAY 34 & 35





#### **STARTS IN YOUR MIND:**

- Mental shift 
   attitude adjustment
- Why > What
- Others > Yourself

**5 ATTITUDES** 

### 1. THINK MORE ABOUT OTHERS

"Forget yourselves long enough to lend a helping hand"

## 2. SERVANTS THINK LIKE STEWARDS, NOT OWNERS

"You can not serve two masters....
You can not serve both God and money"

# 3. SERVANTS THINK ABOUT THEIR WORK, NOT WHAT OTHERS ARE DOING

"Who are you to criticize someone else's servant? The Lord will determine whether his servant has been successful"

# 4. SERVANTS BASE THEIR IDENTITY IN CHRIST

"You may brag about yourself, but the only approval that counts is the Lord's approval"

# 5. SERVANTS THINK OF MINISTRY AS AN OPPORTUNITY, NOT AN OBLIGATION

"He will not forget how hard you have worked for him and how you have shown you love for him by caring for other Christians (people)"



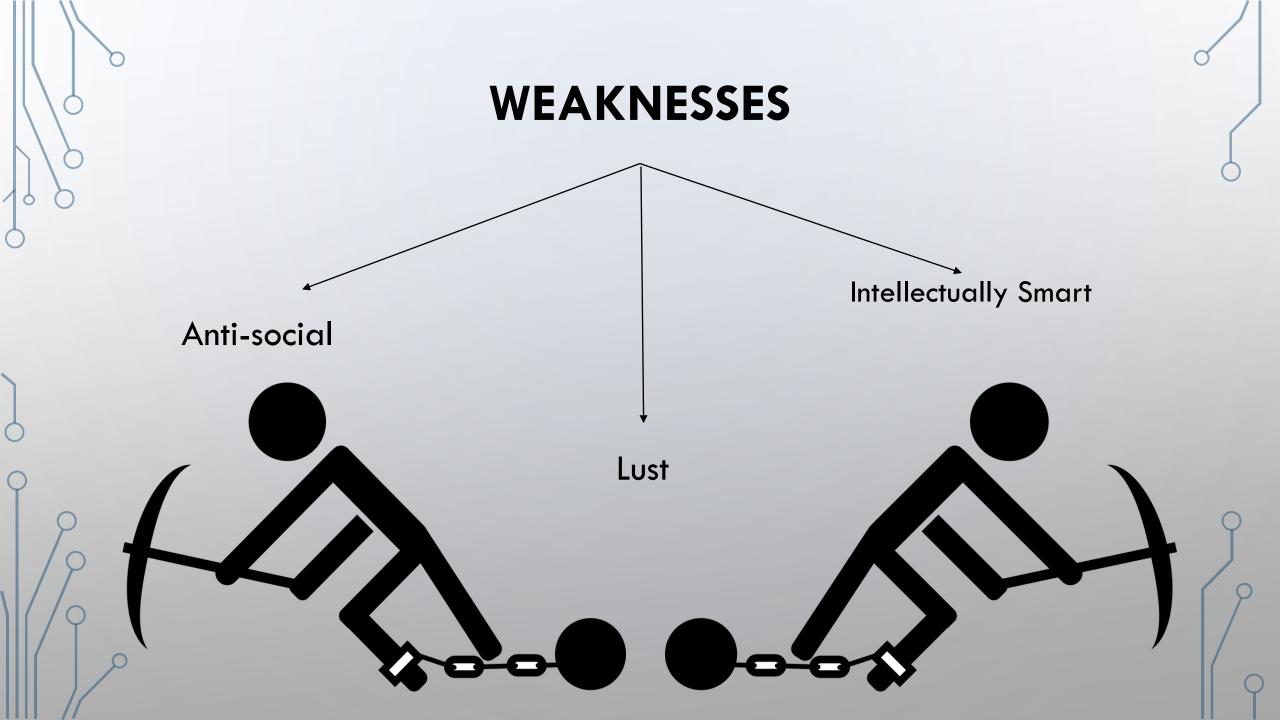
### AM I USUALLY CONCERNED WITH BEING SERVED OR FINDING BETTER WAYS TO SERVE OTHERS?

WHY AM I DOING THIS SERVICE?

# GOD'S POWER IN YOUR WEAKNESS PT. 35



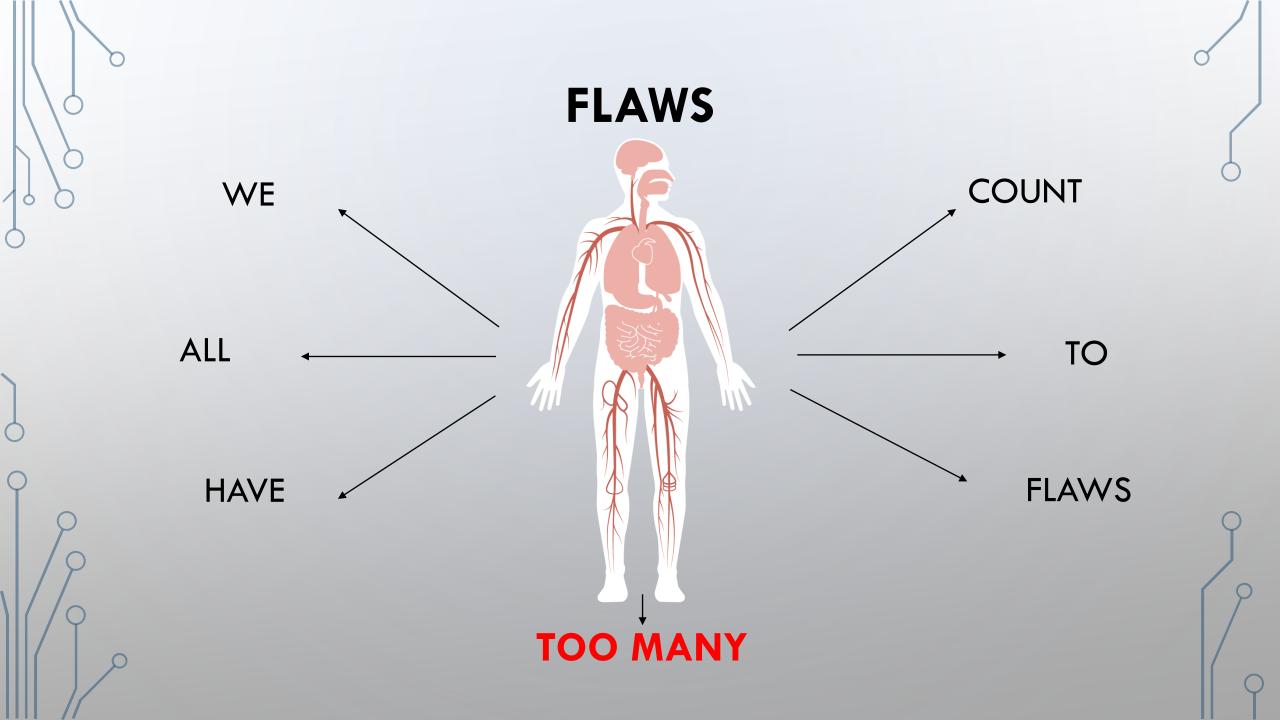
"God Loves to Use Weak People"



# YOUR FLAWED



#### YOU'RE FLAWED



#### 1. ADMIT YOUR WEAKNESS

2. BE CONTENT WITH THEM

3. EMBRACE & SHARE IT

4. GLORY IN THEM



### AM I LIMITING GOD'S POWER IN MY LIFE BY TRYING TO HIDE MY WEAKNESSES?

WHAT DO I NEED TO BE HONEST ABOUT IN ORDER TO HELP OTHERS?