

Run With His (Vision Part 8)

Habakkuk 2:2-3 Then the LORD answered me and said: "Write the vision and make it plain on tablets, that he may run who reads it.

Victory Life Church is:

8. An Equipping church, helping individuals fulfill their call and destiny in the body of Christ by developing their gifts (motivational & spiritual), and being involved in works of service.

"The people are not helping the pastors do their ministries; we are helping the people do their ministries!"

I. Motivational Gifts: This is the basic motivation of a believer and will define their ministry within the Body of Christ. All believers will have at least one gift. (Romans 12:6-8; 1 Corinthians 12:28). We are called to function in all these capacities, but there will be prominent ones in your life.

Romans 12:4-8 For as we have many members in one body, but all the members do not have the same function, ⁵ so we, *being many*, are one body in Christ, and individually members of one another. ⁶ **Having then gifts differing according to the grace that is given to us, let us use them:** if prophecy, *let us prophesy* in proportion to our faith; ⁷ or ministry, *let us use it in our ministering*; he who teaches, in teaching; ⁸ he who exhorts, in exhortation; he who gives, with liberality; he who leads, with diligence; he who shows mercy, with cheerfulness.

1 Corinthians 12:28 And God has appointed these in the church: first apostles, second prophets, third teachers, after that miracles, then gifts of healings, helps, administrations, varieties of tongues.

1. **Prophecy:** Ability to perceive truth, communicate inspired utterance, edify - Protecting the body from sin and compromise. They are the bold personalities in the body of Christ.
2. **Ministry - Helps - Serving:** Ability and willingness to aid and provide assistance. They are the backbone of the ministry. They are the servants in the body of Christ.
3. **Teaching:** Ability to communicate truth in a relevant way - Protecting the body from false teaching. They are the instructors in the body of Christ.
4. **Exhortation:** Ability to encourage and motivate believers to action - They are the cheerleaders and cattle prods in the body of Christ.
5. **Giving:** Ability to contribute their material resources to bless the ministry and meet the needs of individuals - They have a revelation of the generosity and prosperity of the Lord. They are the hands of the Lord in the body of Christ.
6. **Leadership - Administration:** Ability to execute plans and direction for the church and its departments to delegate and achieve goals. They are the movers and shakers in the body of Christ.
7. **Mercy:** Ability to show compassion in word and deed - They are the grace givers in the body of Christ.

III. Functions within the local church

- ✦ **Elder:** Leaders, Ministry gifts, those responsible for the leadership in the local church ministry.
- ✦ **Deacon:** Leaders, ministry of helps, those responsible for the practical needs in the local church.

IV. Skills/Talents/Abilities you have:

- Market place ministers - Business
- Athletes, Sports personalities
- What are you good at that is a blessing to others?

Gift testing = Discovery of Calling & Destiny



II. Often considered Gifts: (People who operate so proficiently in these areas they are considered gifts)

- **Hospitality:** Desire to provide open arms, open house and warm welcome for those in need of friendship, a warm welcome, food and lodging.
- **Intercession:** Giving oneself to prayer for others in personal time, prayer meetings & fasting.
- **Music:** Anointed musicians and singers. This was a special and set aside ministry in the Old Testament.
- **Exorcism/Deliverance:** They attract people who need deliverance.
- **Martyrdom:** Giving one's life for the gospel and your testimony in Christ.
- **Singleness:** Contentment and desire to serve God in their singleness. 1 Corinthians 7:7 For I wish that all men were even as I myself. But each one has his own gift from God, one in this manner and another in that.

Being a part of and involved in the local church is an important key to fulfilling your destiny.

Rewards: Nothing you do for God is wasted:

Matthew 10:42 And whoever gives one of these little ones only a cup of cold water in the name of a disciple, assuredly, I say to you, he shall by no means lose his reward."

Equipping of the saints = perfecting, complete furnishing, training that qualifies

"You are called to the kingdom for such a time as this"