

RESPONSIBILITY
Part 3: Responsible Service
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"So, then, each of us will give an account of himself to God." Romans 14:12 (NIV)

re•spon•si•bil•i•ty, *n.*, the state or fact of being accountable or answerable for something within one's power or control.

COMMUNITY IN THE EARLY CHURCH

"They devoted themselves to the apostles teaching and to the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer. Everyone was filled with awe, and many wonders and miraculous signs were done by the apostles. All the believers were together and had everything in common. Selling their possessions and goods they gave to anyone as he had need. Every day they continued to meet together in the temple courts. They broke bread in their homes and ate together with glad and sincere hearts, praising God and enjoying the favor of all the people. And the Lord added to their numbers daily those who were being saved."
Acts 2:42-47 (NIV)

"(God) has given...pastors and teachers to prepare God's people for works of ministry, so the body of Christ may be built up."

Ephesians 4:11-12

The Bible Says:

- **THE PASTORS ARE THE _____**
- **THE PEOPLE ARE THE _____**

WHAT I BRING TO THE "TABLE"

1. _____

"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)

I am a _____ and _____ part of the Body of Christ!

2. _____

"I (God)...have given him skill, ability, and knowledge in all kinds of crafts..."
Exodus 31:3 (NIV)

3. _____

"Jesus answered, "If you want to be perfect, go, sell your possessions and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven. Then come, follow me."
Matthew 19:21 (NIV)

"All the believers were together and had everything in common. Selling their possessions and goods, they gave to anyone as he had need"
Acts 2:44-45 (NIV)

"...No one claimed that any of his possessions was his own, but they shared everything they had."
Acts 4:32

WHAT IS MY RESPONSIBILITY?

It's about _____, not a _____ mindset.

Where to Start....

1) IDENTIFY MY _____ TO _____.

2) _____

3) FOR THOSE ALREADY SERVING, FIND YOUR _____.