

7 Habits

A seven-week program designed to equip people to live a Christ-Driven life at Cornerstone Church

“SERVE FAITHFULLY”

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Student Syllabus

Welcome to Cornerstone Church! If this is your first time in this class, I just want you to know how much we appreciate you attending this class.

This is one of seven classes that we call the “7 Habits”. The purpose of 7 Habits is to teach everyone what a Christ-driven life looks like. It’s our main pipeline for the entire church. It’s something we want everyone to go through because it puts us all on the same page.

GOAL OF 7 HABITS: Commitment to live a Christ-Driven Life.

Seven Habits of a Christ-Driven Life

Week 1 – Obey God

Week 2 – Love Others

Week 3 – Daily Worship

Week 4 – Small Group Involvement

Week 5 – Attend Church

Week 6 – Serve Faithfully

Week 7 – Give Sacrificially

So here are some basic facts about 7 Habits...

- This is not intended to be your church fix. Please attend worship service.
- People can enter these weeks at any week. We just want them to complete all seven weeks.
- This not a traditional Sunday School class. We hope and pray that after seven weeks, people make strong commitments to these seven habits and LCFC.
- We want everyone who attends LCFC to go through these classes.
- If you have gone through the Membership Class at LCFC, we ask that you attend the seven weeks related to living out a Christ-Driven life.

SERVE FAITHFULLY

The three questions we'll be looking at this morning are:

- o *How has God shaped me for ministry?*
- o *How can I use these gifts for His kingdom?*
- o *How do I balance this with a busy schedule?*

Volunteering in a church all starts off with your _____ of what ministry is all about. Your attitude, your commitment, your passion when volunteering at a church, all starts with your understanding of what ministry is all about.

1 Corinthians 12:4-7 (NLT)

4 There are different kinds of spiritual gifts, but the same Spirit is the source of them all. 5 There are different kinds of service, but we serve the same Lord. 6 God works in different ways, but it is the same God who does the work in all of us.

7 A spiritual gift is given to each of us as a means of helping the entire church.

God has given every one of us a spiritual _____.

The purpose of the gift is to build up the _____! God has given you specific gifts not for your own personal gain, but for the benefit of the entire church.

1 Peter 4:10 (NLT)

10 God has given each of you a gift from his great variety of spiritual gifts. Use them well to serve one another.

We have a responsibility to be a good _____ of the gifts that God has given us!

Reasons for an unenthusiastic ministry volunteer:

- 1) They don't understand the purpose of ministry. It's all about them selves.
- 2) They are in the wrong ministry position. They aren't gifted for what they are doing.
- 3) They have the wrong motivations. They aren't doing it for God.

QUESTION 1 – HOW HAS GOD SHAPED ME FOR MINISTRY?

1 Corinthians 12:1 (NIV)

1 Now about spiritual gifts, brothers, I do not want you to be ignorant.

We're convinced that one of the primary ways you learn spiritual gifts is by getting _____ in ministry.

Knowing your spiritual gift is only _____ of knowing how God has shaped you.

Romans 15:20 (NIV)

20 It has always been my ambition to preach the gospel where Christ was not known, so that I would not be building on someone else's foundation.

You have to look at what you _____ to do. What are the things that really get you excited?

Acts 18:3 (NLT)

3 Paul lived and worked with them, for they were tentmakers just as he was.

Examples of natural abilities...

- Organize
- Plan
- Work with your hands
- Speak in front of a crowd
- Creative
- Starting new things

God will use your abilities to _____ your spiritual gifts!

Galatians 1:13-14 (NLT)

13 You know what I was like when I followed the Jewish religion—how I violently persecuted God's church. I did my best to destroy it. 14 I was far ahead of my fellow Jews in my zeal for the traditions of my ancestors.

Three (3) signs that you might be in the wrong volunteer position...

- a) You feel uncomfortable. Incidentally, there's a difference from feeling challenged or stretched and feeling uncomfortable. If you're uncomfortable you aren't gifted in that position.
- b) It takes you extra time and effort. That's a sign it may be the wrong position for you.
- c) You did a lousy job. You know it and other people know it.

QUESTION 2 – HOW CAN I USE THESE GIFTS FOR HIS KINGDOM?

Ephesians 4:11-13 (NLT)

11 Now these are the gifts Christ gave to the church: the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, and the pastors and teachers. 12 Their responsibility is to equip God's people to do his work and build up the church, the body of Christ. 13 This will continue until we all come to such unity in our faith and knowledge of God's Son that we will be mature in the Lord, measuring up to the full and complete standard of Christ.

In fact, we would like you to not look at yourselves as a volunteer, but look at yourself as a "_____".

God is _____ about His church.

According to VERSE 13, what is the goal of all this?

Till we all get to this place where we reach spiritual _____. Till we "measure up to the full and complete standard of Christ".

When you use your gift, it produces _____ and _____ in the church family.

Here at LCFC, we believe people should volunteer first at their local _____, then anywhere they choose outside of that. The bible makes it clear that God has gifted us so that we could use that gift at our local church. It's His church, and He wants you to use those gifts to build up the church.

God wants you to use your _____ gifts at the church! Don't look at the church as the place where you give your leftovers. Look at church as the place where you give your best for God!

QUESTION 3 – HOW DO I BALANCE THIS WITH A BUSY SCHEDULE?

Matthew 6:33 (NASB)

33 "But seek first His kingdom and His righteousness, and all these things will be added to you.

You always want to keep God _____ in your life. You never want anything to come between you and your relationship with God. If your relationship with God is right, then your home is right, and your work is right, and everything else falls into place.

Church is part of that relationship with God. Remember, It's His church.

At LCFC, we ask everyone to serve in two (2) ministry positions:

First, we ask everyone to be part of a _____ Ministry. This is a ministry which is an extension of who you are. When people look at that ministry, they see you! We want people to spend the majority of their time in this ministry.

The second is a _____ Ministry. This is a place that you are willing to serve, but it doesn't necessarily reflect who you are.

There is a place for you to serve!

Exodus 36:1 (NLT)

1 "The Lord has gifted Bezalel, Oholiab, and the other skilled craftsmen with wisdom and ability to perform any task involved in building the sanctuary. Let them construct and furnish the Tabernacle, just as the Lord has commanded."

We firmly believe God has gifted all the people here at LCFC, for everything we need to do at LCFC according to God's purpose. We have _____ the people we need to fulfill God's purpose. This includes you!

You can look in the Sunday morning Program to see a list of ministry opportunities. There is also a place on the program itself. It's a tear-off portion that you can fill out and tear off and put in the offering bag.

Here's the big step guys...you have to take the first _____! Only you can initiate this.

Next Week: We will be looking at the habit of "Giving Sacrificially". If you want to honor God with your finances, make sure you attend this class. God wants us to be a good steward of everything.