

**THE RIGHT**  
**CHURCH SERVICE**  
**- Galatians 5:16**

**The best church is one that serves together!**

**I. THE RIGHT COMMITMENT** - Galatians 5:13  
- Serving in love

A. **CONDITION:** Free from the Law

1. You didn't bring a bull to sacrifice today
2. There is no law-keeping that could ever save anyone!

B. **CAUTION:** We are not free to feed the flesh!

1. We are not free to do as we please
2. Flesh-pleasing may not always be sinful, but it is always selfish

C. **COMMAND:** Through love serve one another

1. This is not an option but an order
2. An attitude of love must permeate our acts of service

D. **QUESTIONS**

1. Whom in our church are you serving?
2. How is that service being rendered?
3. Would others call you a servant?

**II. RIGHT THINKING** - Romans 12:3-5  
- Sensing your place

A. **EXERCISE HUMILITY** (3)

1. Avoid Snobbery: Seek to be useful not spectacular!
2. Think Soberly: See where you fit and be satisfied there
  - a. Use your "measure of faith" or God-given discernment
  - b. Offer a sensible appraisal of your God-given gift
3. Be Careful: Humility does not equal passivity

B. **RECOGNIZE VARIETY** (4-5)

1. Our condition: We have a particular place and purpose (4)
2. Our connection: In Christ to other Christians (5)
3. Our contrast: Everyone will not be like you! (Thankfully!)
4. One conclusion: We are different and dependent
5. One question: What can I contribute?

### III. **THE RIGHT GOAL** - I Corinthians 12:7-18

- Supplying your part

#### A. GOD'S PROVISION (7a, 11)

1. Everyone has a spiritual gift (7a)
2. The Holy Spirit determines who gets what (11)

#### B. GOD'S PURPOSE (7b)

1. The common good
2. We are given gifts to benefit others

#### C. GOD'S PLACEMENT (18)

1. God designed each person to have a special place
  - a. Each piece is important and none is insignificant (21-26)
  - b. If we are out of place, we are disobeying and displeasing God
2. God put you in a local church body where your service is needed
  - When we fail to serve, we fail the church and frustrate its proper functioning

### IV. **THE RIGHT STEWARDSHIP** - I Peter 4:10

- Satisfying God's intentions

#### A. THE GIFT

1. God's gift just for you
2. This is a particular personalized gift
3. God has given you something unique

#### B. THE GUIDELINES

1. Use it! > Don't leave it in the box
2. Use it to serve others
  - Always be thinking: How can I use what God has given me to assist others?

#### C. THE GOAL

1. Being a good steward
2. God holds you accountable for the grace He has given you
  - He expects faithfulness and fruitfulness

### V. **THE RIGHT OUTCOME** - Ephesians 4:16

- Seeing God's church prosper

#### A. CONNECTEDNESS

1. The body fitted and held together by what every joint supplies
2. A superstructure of serving and supplying saints

**B. COOPERATIVENESS**

- The proper working of each individual part

**C. CONTINUATION**

1. Growth of the body
2. It's productivity becomes self-propagating

**CONCLUSION:****What is the right church service?**

*- The right church service is one where ...*

1. You are serving in love - Gal. 5:13
2. You are sensing your place - Rom. 12:3-5
3. You are supplying your part - I Cor. 12:7-18
4. You are satisfying God's intentions - I Peter 4:10
5. You are seeing God's church prosper - Eph. 4:16