

ABILITY VS AVAILABILITY

Isaiah 6:8

"Also I heard the voice of the Lord, saying:

'Whom shall I send, and who will go for Us?'

Then I said, 'Here am I! Send me.'"

Ability – Def: *possession of the means or skill to do something.* Now, we all have "ability." Some are capable and skilled in...

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| • Carpentry | Mathematics | Legal field | Administration |
| • Auto repair | Working with hands | Electrical work | Finances |
| • Landscaping | Leadership skills | Medical field | Skilled writer |
| • Encouraging others | Administration | Cooking | |

God has given us all talents and abilities - Matt 25:14-15

"For the kingdom of heaven is like a man traveling to a far country, who called his own servants and delivered his goods to them. And to one he gave five talents, to another two, and to another one, to each according to his own ability; and immediately he went on a journey."

We also have "**gifts according to the grace given to us**" (Rom 12:6-8):

"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; or ministry, let us use it in our ministering; he who teaches, in teaching; he who exhorts, in exhortation; he who gives, with liberality; he who leads, with diligence; he who shows mercy, with cheerfulness."

The work of the church is serious business and we, like Jesus, *must be about our Father's business* (Luke 2:49). We must give the Lord our best., we must be on time, conduct the worship service with reverence toward God., we must be concerned with the affairs of the church (sick, wayward, bereaved) as well as the church building., leaks, locks, security, lawn maintenance, are physical things in working order etc., and if not, ask the question: What Can I Do To HELP Using the Abilities GOD has given?

What Good is ABILITY if you're Never AVAILABLE???

Availability is being willing to adjust one's own schedule, agenda, and plans to fit the right desires of God and others. It makes personal priorities secondary to the needs of God and others. It is to reflect God's priorities, so we are always available to Him, and others, when we are serving.

- Be willing and make yourself AVAILABLE! No brother is Useless., GOD can use you and we need your gift for the up-building of His church!
- You may not be the most talented brother, but if you're available, you're priceless!
- Be humble, teachable, cooperative, encouraging, helpful, take initiative, be concerned...