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But as for me, I will come into Your house in the multitude of Your mercy; In fear of You I will worship toward Your holy temple. (Psalm 47 : 6—7)

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Have you been asking the wrong question?

We have a major problem in our society today, everyone wants to know what others can do for them. Rarely, anyone asks what they can do for someone else.

This problem extends to the church. To many of us are looking for someone else to do it, for someone else to pick up the slack. We have grown complacent in letting a few do the work of the whole. Instead, we need to be looking for what we, as individuals, can do. We find in the first century church that everyone did their share. Everyone was willing to help out. What happened?

Men, how many of us are “underused”? We can do more, but we don’t. For some this is by design; for, if someone else will do it then we do not have to. Ladies, this extends to you too.

Are you finding yourself stuck? I find the best way to learn something is to teach it. The more active you become, the more you will grow. Paul describes the growth of the church dependent upon everyone doing their part their share.

To the Corinthians, Paul tells them that if they will do their part, God will do His. Paul puts it this way, “I planted, Apollos watered, but God gave the increase.” Stop asking, “What can the church do for me?” Ask, “What can I do for the church?”

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- * “Ask not what your country can do for you...” J.F.K.
Ask not—What can the church do for me?
- * What formula does Paul provide?
Every joint (you and I) supplies something +
Each part (you and I) doing its share
Growth and Edification of Love Happens
- * That’s the reason we worship together!
Hebrews 10—Consider one another, stir up one another, and exhort one another.
- * What else did Paul say?
We must all “grow up”. We must all increase as Christians.
- * We ought to be teachers.
Jesus taught His disciples that maturity is required.
- * We are one body, but many, many members
I Corinthians 12—God put you where He pleases
- * Where can I help out?
Men ask yourselves—How can I serve this congregation?
Ladies you too!
- * It’s not—“What can the church do for me?”
It’s—“What can I do for the church? How can I serve?”