

### III. HUMBLE YOURSELF

Romans 12:4-5 reveals that:

- Every member is a minister in Christ's body (12:4a).  
*"4 For as we have many members in one body, ..."*
- Every member has a different function (12:4b).  
*"...but all the members do not have the same function,*
- Every member's ministry is important (12:5a).  
*"5 so we, being many, are one body in Christ, ..."*
- Every member belongs to the others (12:5b).  
*"...and individually members of one another."*

"It takes ten hands to score two points."

- John Wooden, Former U.C.L.A. Basketball Coach

### IV. APPLY YOURSELF

*"6 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;  
7 or ministry, let us use it in our ministering; he who teaches, in teaching;  
8 he who exhorts, in exhortation; he who gives, with liberality; he who leads, with diligence; he who shows mercy, with cheerfulness."* Romans 12:6-8

*"Do not neglect the gift that is in you, ..." I Timothy 4:14a*

How would feel if you gave someone a gift and they never unwrapped it?

### LET THE PEOPLE MOVE UP

## GET IN THE GAME Let The People "Move Up" Pastor Steve Reynolds

### INTRODUCTION

**A.** Football season is here! Football is 22 people on the field who desperately need a break being watched by thousands of people in the stands who desperately need exercise.

Sadly this sounds a lot like the Church.

20% of the people doing 80% of the work.

WE NEED EVERYONE TO GET IN THE GAME.

Not everyone is gifted to play football, but everyone is gifted to serve God.

*"10 As each one has received a gift, minister it to one another, as good stewards of the manifold grace of God.*

*11 ... If anyone ministers, let him do it as with the ability which God supplies, that in all things God may be glorified..."*

I Peter 4:10-11b

**B.** God doesn't want you sitting on the bench or hanging out on the sidelines. He wants you in the game using your gifts to minister to others. Our Get In The Game Teaching Series will show you four "moves" to make for winning at serving.

Aug 20 Join Our T.E.A.M.!

Aug 27 Let God's Spirit "Move In"

Sep 3 Let The Pastors "Move Over"

TODAY Let The People "Move Up"

Sep 17 Let The Church "Move Forward"

Sep 24 Game Time! Let's Go!

**C. TEXT:** Romans 12:1-8

Ministry Objective: To see every member of our church minister with their spiritual gifts as good stewards for the glory of God.

## **.HOW TO LET THE PEOPLE “MOVE UP”**

### **I. PRESENT YOURSELF**

*“I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that you present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable to God, which is your reasonable service  
2 And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, that you may prove what is that good and acceptable and perfect will of God.”* Romans 12:1-2

#### **A. The basic problems in ministry:**

Abuse - Over Worked People - Lack Help.  
Misuse - Unqualified People - Lack Training.  
Disuse - Uninvolved People - Lack Commitment.

#### **B. The greatest ability is availability.**

*“Whom shall I send, And who will go for Us?” Then I said,  
“Here am I! Send me.”* Isaiah 6:8

### **II. EVALUATE YOURSELF**

*“For I say, through the grace given to me, to everyone who is among you, not to think of himself more highly than he ought to think, but to think soberly, as God has dealt to each one a measure of faith.”* Romans 12:3

*“But now God has set the members, each one of them, in the body just as He pleased.”* I Corinthians 12:18

#### **A. Spiritual Gifts: What are you gifted to do?**

*“Therefore I remind you to stir up the gift of God which is in you....”* II Timothy 1:6a

##### Four Ways To Identify Your Spiritual Gifts:

- Your gifts will come naturally (no imitation).
- Your gifts will produce joy.
- Your gifts will give you a sense of fulfillment.
- Your gifts will require a minimum of effort and will result in a maximum of effectiveness.

#### **B. Heart: What do you love to do?**

*“Delight yourself also in the LORD, And He shall give you the desires of your heart.”* Psalm 37:4

*“This is a faithful saying: If a man desires the position of a bishop, he desires a good work.”* I Timothy 3:1

#### **C. Abilities: What are your natural talents and skills?**

*“And I have filled him with the Spirit of God, in wisdom, in understanding, in knowledge, and in all manner of workmanship,”* Exodus 31:3

#### **D. Personality: Where does your temperament best suit you to serve?**

*“Your hands have made me and fashioned me, An intricate unity; Yet You would destroy me.”* Job 10:8

#### **E. Experiences: What are your life experiences?**

*“3 Blessed be... the God of all comfort,  
4 who comforts us in all our tribulation, that we may be able to comfort those who are in any trouble, with the comfort with which we ourselves are comforted by God.”*

II Corinthians 1:3a-4

- Spiritual Experiences.
- Painful Experiences.
- Educational Experiences.
- Ministry Experiences.