STRENGTHENING THE CHURCH BY REDISCOVERING OUR R.O.L.E

"Discovering your R.O.L.E. in the congregation""

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Personal Notes:

Sermon Notes:

I R – Realize your Role

A Each person has different abilities (Romans 12:3,4; 1 Corinthians 12:12-34; Ephesians 4:7-16).

B Steps to realizing your ability:

1 Understand your ability.

(a) Nehemiah, the leader of the people.

(b) Barnabas, the encourager and financial supporter.

(c) Paul, the evangelist.

(d) Lydia, the woman of hospitality.

2 Do not reach beyond your ability – *at first.*

(a) The church at Macedonia went beyond their ability because of their relationship (2 Corinthians 8:1-5).

3 Reach for your ability.

II O – Optimize your Abilities

A Focus on what you are good at and concentrate your effort there.

B You have been given abilities that will benefit the kingdom of God, if you will allow them.

1 Hebrews 13:20-21

C Acts 6:1-7

1 Seven men were chosen with one purpose, caring for the widows.

2 The apostles preached the word and delegated people to various responsibilities.

III L – Lend Your Abilities

A Find your abilities and lend those abilities to the ministry.

1 Barnabas gave, Lydia prayed, Nehemiah led, the word Paul spread, so the kingdom of heaven would be there for all the ones who prepare.

IV E – Execute Your Role

A Take action on your abilities.

1 The one talent man never used his abilities and lost his gift (Matthew 25:24-30).

B 1 Peter 4:10,11:

1 Speak as the oracles of God.

2 Serve by the strength that God supplies.