

"And he gave the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, the shepherds and teachers, to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ..." Ephesians 4:11-12 ESV

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Spiritual Gift: A divine ability given by the Holy Spirit that is beyond a natural talent or skill to do the work of ministry.

A Scriptural Defense Against Consumerism Consumer vs. Servant

"I urge you, brothers, in view of God's mercy, to offer your bodies as living sacrifices, holy and pleasing to God—this is your spiritual act of worship." Romans 12:1 NIV

Consumers view serving as a means to a PERSONAL END
Servants view serving as an ACT OF WORSHIP

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Consumers evaluate service in terms of PERSONAL COST
Servants evaluate service in terms of STEWARDSHIP

"When you give to the needy, sound no trumpet before you, as the hypocrites do in the synagogues and in the streets, that they may be praised by others. Truly, I say to you, they have received their reward." Matthew 6:2 ESV

Consumers find their fulfillment in being appreciated by OTHERS
Servants find their fulfillment in being USED BY GOD

"I want you to insist on these things, so that those who have believed in God may be careful to devote themselves to good works. These things are excellent and profitable for people." Titus 3:8 ESV

Consumers will QUIT when personal needs interfere with serving
Servants PERSEVERE because the body is dependent upon serving

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"Serve wholeheartedly, as if you were serving the Lord, not men, because you know that the Lord will reward everyone for whatever good he does." Eph. 6:7-8 NIV

Consumers are focused on SELF and TEMPORAL FULFILLMENT
Servants are focused on OTHERS and ETERNAL FULFILLMENT

"All of you together are the one body of Christ and each of you is a separate and necessary part of it." 1 Corinthians 12:27 LB

"If you try to hang on to your life, you will lose it. But if you give up your life for my sake and for the sake of the Good News, you will save it." Mark 8:35 NLT

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