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Understanding the Five-Fold Ministry: God's System for the Equipping, Edification, Empowerment, and Expansion of The Body of Christ.

11. The Ministry of Helps

This chapter explains the Ministry of Helps: the many servants who support the Five-Fold Ministry (especially the Pastor) so the church can run and serve its community. It defines 'help' as selfless service, lists who fills these roles, and urges readers to find where their own gifts fit.

Key takeaways

- The Ministry of Helps makes ministry easier by providing services, solving problems, and supplying strength where the church is weak.
- It includes psalmists, intercessors, administrators, deacons, elders, ushers, greeters, and auxiliaries — all voluntarily giving their gifts.
- Those who serve must be trained, humble, faithful, saved, and submitted to church leadership.
- The Pastor cannot do everything alone; the church is far more than pulpit preaching and needs help with its work and charity.

- Match your gifts to a role: cooking to Hospitality, children to Children's Church, welcoming people to Ushers/Greeters, feeding and visiting to Outreach.
- Not everyone is called to preach or teach, but everyone is called to serve. Talk with your pastor or take a gifts assessment to find your place.

Passages worth keeping

"The Ministry of Helps can be easily defined as helping through selfless service."

States the chapter's core definition of the ministry.

"Everyone doesn't have the anointing to teach or preach, but all of us have been called to serve."

The chapter's central appeal to every believer.

How it connects

The body-of-Christ image (1 Cor 12) grounds the whole chapter: helps roles are the 'less honorable' members that God makes essential, so no part can say to another, 'I have no need of thee.'

Scripture referenced

- **1 Corinthians 12:28** -- Lists 'helps' among the offices God set in the Church.

- **Acts 6:1-3** -- Origin of deacons — men chosen to serve so leaders could keep to the Word.
- **Matthew 25:35-36** -- Serving the hungry, stranger, sick, and imprisoned as serving Christ.
- **1 Corinthians 12:21-27** -- Every member of the body, even the weaker, is necessary.
- **Hebrews 6:10** -- God does not forget labor of love shown in ministering to the saints.