"LORD, WHAT ARE YOU CALLING ME TO DO?"

This worksheet is a tool to help you make decisions regarding the specific ways you serve your Lord Jesus Christ. Instructions are on the back.

Today's Date:	
My question(s):	
Gifts God has given me:	Places God has put me:
My thoughts:	
What I will do:	



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Christians are called to serve all the time, but the ways in which we serve change over time. As you seek to serve well, this tool can be helpful:

- a) when you are making choices about where to start serving,
- b) when you are engaging in a periodic review of the stewardship of your time and talents,
- c) when you face specific issues, questions, or challenges about the way(s) you are already serving.

Directions

- 1. All our service is a response to all God has done for us through Jesus Christ. Service flows from, and is supported by, our time in regular weekly worship, in God's Word with others and on our own, and in prayer. Ask God to guide you as you consider your service.
- 2. In the <u>"Question(s)</u>" box, write down what question(s) come to your mind about serving. Examples:
 - "Where should I serve at my church?"
 - "Should I continue to serve in [name] ministry?"
 - "Am I using my time well?"
 - "How is my balance between work, family and church serving?"
- 3. God gifts us for service. In the <u>"Gifts"</u> box, write down some of the gifts God has given you. Keep in mind His gifts that make you unique (e.g., a love for the elderly, computer knowledge, cooking) as well as the more "common" gifts (e.g., home and family, health, the ability to drive, 24 hrs in a day) Don't try to be thorough; you'd need many sheets of paper to list all his gifts! What particular gifts come into play regarding the question(s) you're considering?
- 4. God put us where he wants us to serve. In the <u>"Places"</u> box, list some of those places where God has already put you, where you're already serving, or where you could be serving (e.g., your immediate and extended family, your employment, church, community).
- 5. Now consider your initial question in the light of the gifts God has given you and the places he has put you. As you think and pray about your question, jot down your thoughts, especially any connections you note between your gifts and your vocations. Examples:
 - *"My parents need a lot of my time right now."*
 - "I'd love to use my computer skills at church!"
 - "Am I giving sufficient time to my calling as a spouse?"
 - "I'm fortunate to be able to use my gifts where I'm now serving."
- 6. **Move from contemplation to action.** Write down one or more actions you will take regarding your question(s). Examples:
 - "I will contact the church office about opportunities to use my computer skills at church."
 - "I will ask my small group about possibly adopting a shut-in."
 - "I will drop one of my volunteer activities while my parents need extra care."
 - "I will give up my bowling league and make sure I have three evenings a week at home."

