



Week 1, Day 3:

Just as our bodies have many parts and each part has a special function, so it is with Christ's body. We are many parts of one body, and we all belong to each other. In his grace, God has given us different gifts for doing certain things well. So if God has given you the ability to prophesy, speak out with as much faith as God has given you. If your gift is serving others, serve them well. If you are a teacher, teach well. If your gift is to encourage others, be encouraging. If it is giving, give generously. If God has given you leadership ability, take the responsibility seriously. And if you have a gift for showing kindness to others, do it gladly.

Romans 12:4-8

A lot of us show up at church, sit in the seats, and when it's all over we get up and go about our lives.

We make comments like, "I liked the music at church today. It was really good." Or, "I didn't like the songs we sang." Or maybe, "Man, the message was really good!" Or even, "Ah, I was a little bored today." We then go about our lives not really letting it affect us or change us.

But being the Church is about doing something.

Consider this statement:

We are spiritual contributors not spiritual consumers. The church does not exist for us. We are the Church, and we exist for the world.

So let me ask you, are you a spiritual consumer? Do you just come to get something out of it and go home pretty much unchanged?

Or, are you a spiritual contributor? That means you really believe this stuff, and you want to do something about it.

REFLECT:

If that's you, then the challenge is to take steps in using your time, talents and treasure to be a part of what God is doing through The Ridge. Seriously, don't just read this and think, "Yeah, I should get involved in this Built to Last thing." Actually go and do it!

TAKE ACTION:

If you are not already connected to a Ridge Group, join a Built to Last Short-term group.

If you are connected to a Ridge Group, commit to **showing up** every week, **joining in** on the conversation and **being real** about where you are in your journey.

Invite someone who is not yet connected to a group to join you at your group.