

Numbers 4:27-28

Aaron and his sons shall assign all the service of the sons of the Gershonites, all their tasks and all their service. And you shall appoint to them all their tasks as their duty. This is the service of the families of the sons of Gershon in the tabernacle of meeting. And their duties shall be under the authority of Ithamar the son of Aaron the priest.

In today's verses, this is God speaking to Moses, letting him know what the tribe of Levi will be doing for the work in the temple and its furnishings. Here it speaks of ***the sons of the Gershonites***, who were of the tribe of Levi. But if you continue to read on, it also speaks of the sons of Kohath (Kohathites), and Merari, who were also of the tribe of Levi, and as you read, you find that they all had different things to do, as well as carry as they journeyed through the wilderness.

But you never read of the Gershonites telling the Kohathites and Merari, "*Hey, you need to do what we are doing.*" No, because God, not man, but once again, God had appointed each family of the Levites to do their own task, and if everyone did their own task, there would be no need to say, "*Hey, you need to do or help out in what I am doing*".

It's the same in the church today, where we are all, Let me repeat that, "We are ALL" called to do in the church and outside of the church.

✠ ***Ephesians 4:11-12 And He Himself gave some to be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, and some pastors and teachers, for the equipping of the saints for the work of ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ.***

Yet, how many are doing nothing, so the others that are doing, try to encourage them to join in on what they are doing. Which is fine if that person is doing nothing in the church. It's when you try and tell everyone that they need to do what you are doing. Do you think that God would had been pleased with the Gershonites if they were telling the Kohathites and Merari, "*Hey you need to do what we are doing.*" No He wouldn't, because God is in charge, and He has created each person with a certain gift(s) to do in the church, just as He gifted each family of the Levites to do their tasks.

God is a God of order, and He has His plans laid out the way He wants them to be. And with those plans, He has each and every one of us play a part in those plans. Some He will gift with more ability than others, and those are usually the ones He has in charge to do each task, and to teach those who are also gifted.

So in the church you have Greeters, Ushers, Prayer Warriors, the Coffee ministry, some churches have book stores. There are also Sunday School teachers, helpers in the Sunday School, the

Worship Team, the Sound and Video Team. There are Deacons, Elders, those who do the finances, those who clean and maintain the church, those who are the grounds keeper. Those who like to visit people's homes, or prisons, or street witness. For larger churches those who do the Parking Ministry. So many things that are done in the church, more than what I just mentioned.

But in those ministries, no one should ever say, "*Hey, you need to do what I am doing*" Why? One, God appoints each person their task in the church.

Two, when you tell someone that, you are telling them that what they are doing doesn't mean a thing and you are making them feel like they are the least important ones in the church. When you do, some will even stop what they are doing, because they feel like they really don't make a difference, when in reality they are making a difference.

Remember the story of Mary and Martha, where Martha was serving everyone in the house and Mary was sitting, listening to Jesus teach. Martha didn't like this and wanted Mary to do the same thing she was doing.

✠ **Luke 10:40** *But Martha was distracted with much serving, and she approached Him and said, "Lord, do You not care that my sister has left me to serve alone? Therefore tell her to help me."*

"Come on Jesus, make Mary do the same thing I am doing" was the orders she was giving to Jesus. But "**Jesus answered and said to her, 'Martha, Martha, you are worried and troubled about many things. But one thing is needed, and Mary has chosen that good part, which will not be taken away from her.'**" **Luke 10:41-42**

Jesus was not telling Martha that what she was doing was wrong, but Jesus knew what Mary needed at that moment, and that was to sit and listen to Him teach. Sometimes people need those breaks and need to stop and listen to Jesus speak to them through the teachings and in His word. But you know what, I don't think that's all Mary did. I don't think that she spent every waking hour, sitting at Jesus' feet listening to Him teach. No, because she had things to do as well, in her home and after Jesus rose from the dead, in the church. Mary was not a pew potato, but rather she knew that she got her strength to do, by listening to Jesus teach, and His teaching equipped her to do the things God had called her to do in the church.

So, if someone is not doing in the church, sure encourage them to help you out, or to help out in any other ministry in the church.

If others are serving, there is no need for you to recruit them to do what you are doing, because they are already doing what God had given them to do in the church.

Maybe you know those who have been serving, and they may have seemed to stop or do less. Give those people time, because they may be taking a break to sit at Jesus' feet, because that's what they need right now, to be refreshed by Jesus.

† **1 Corinthians 16:18** *For they refreshed my spirit and yours. Therefore acknowledge such men.*

Simply, do what God has called you to do, and let others do what God has called them to do, and encourage them in that calling that God has given them to do. And do it without complaining, but rather with rejoicing that the Lord wants you to be a part of what He is doing here on this earth.

† **Psalm 62:12** *Also to You, O Lord, belongs mercy; For You render to each one according to his work.*

† **Galatians 6:7-8 (MSG)** *Don't be misled: No one makes a fool of God. What a person plants, he will harvest. The person who plants selfishness, ignoring the needs of others—ignoring God!— harvests a crop of weeds. All he'll have to show for his life is weeds! But the one who plants in response to God, letting God's Spirit do the growth work in him, harvests a crop of real life, eternal life.*