Five Steps To Effective Ministry

Step 3: UNDERSTAND THE BODY
Step 4: MAKE A CORRECT SELF-ASSESSMENT

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1. Presenting Yourself To God In Worship
2. Renewing Your Mind
3. Making An Accurate Self-assessment
4. Understanding The Body Of Christ
5. Developing Good Human Relationships
Step 3 -- Understanding Christ's Body

- God Loves Variety -- He Has Created Everyone Just A Little Different From Each Other

- Rom 12:4-5 (NIV) "Just as each of us has one body with many members, and these members do not all have the same function," (5) "so in Christ we who are many form one body, and each member belongs to all the others."
Step 3 -- Understanding Christ's Body

• There Is A Big Set Of Tools Needed To Build The Church Effectively

• 1 Cor 12:4 (NIV) "There are different kinds of gifts, but the same Spirit." (5) "There are different kinds of service, but the same Lord." (6) "There are different kinds of working, but the same God works all of them in all men."
Step 3 -- Understanding Christ's Body

• How Do We Get Them All To Work Together?
• We Must Recognize The Leadership Of Jesus Christ

• We Are His Body -- He Is The Head. Under His Direction We All Fit Perfectly Together

• Eph 4:16 (NIV) "From him the whole body, joined and held together by every supporting ligament, grows and builds itself up in love, as each part does its work."
Why Do We Need The Gifts?

1. Brings The Supernatural Dimension
2. They Require Complete Surrender To God
3. Deepen The Love And Care Of Believers
4. Confirm Witness & Mission Of The Church
5. Equip Believers For Spiritual And Numerical Growth In The Church
Step 4 -- Make A Correct Self-Assessment

• Rom 12:3 (NIV) "For by the grace given me I say to every one of you: Do not think of yourself more highly than you ought, but rather think of yourself with sober judgment, in accordance with the measure of faith God has given you."

• There Are No One Man Shows In The Ministry

• Some People Will Never Experience Success In Their Ministry And In Their Calling -- Because They Think More Highly Of Themselves Than They Should
Step 4 -- Make A Correct Self-Assessment

- A Correct Assessment Will Wipe Our Arrogance And The Feeling Of Self-Importance

- 2 Cor 10:12 (NIV) "We do not dare to classify or compare ourselves with some who commend themselves. When they measure themselves by themselves and compare themselves with themselves, they are not wise."
Step 4 -- Make A Correct Self-Assessment

• Stay Humble Before The Lord And He Will Lift You Up

• James 4:10 (NIV) "Humble yourselves before the Lord, and he will lift you up."
Step 4 -- Make A Correct Self-Assessment

• Humility is revealed when we recognize that we are not here to be served but to serve God and others in a way that the world will see Jesus. Dr. Peggy Banks

• “Pride is your greatest enemy; humility is your greatest friend.”
  CS Lewis

• Humility = Empty Yourself before the Lord --“Lord use me.”

• Micah 6:8 (NIV84) — 8 He has showed you, O man, what is good. And what does the LORD require of you? To act justly and to love mercy and to walk humbly with your God.