

"The Spirit of the Lord *is* upon me, because he hath anointed me to preach the gospel to the poor; he hath sent me to heal the brokenhearted, to preach deliverance to the captives, and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty them that are bruised, To preach the acceptable year of the Lord."

(Luke 4:18-19)

The Gospel that Jesus brought was a Gospel of salvation, healing, deliverance and release, aimed toward the poor and the needy. This was His mission, and it ought to be ours, if we truly are His body in the earth.

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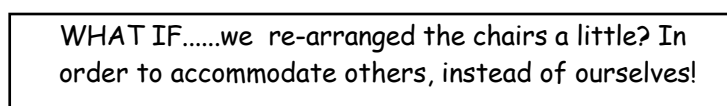
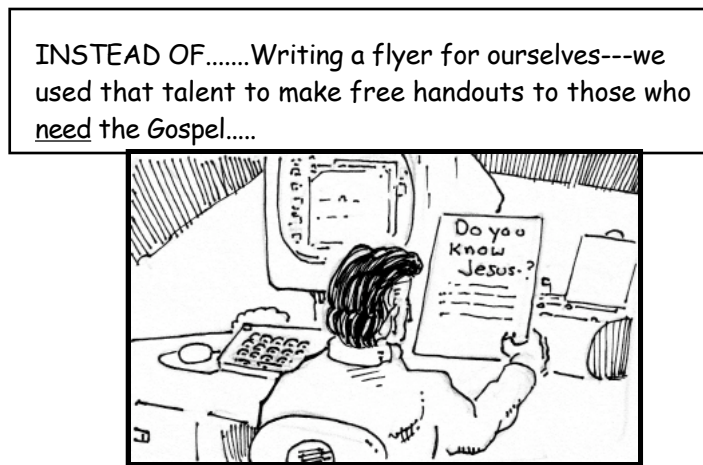
"Then shall the King say unto them on his right hand, Come, ye blessed of my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world: For I was an hungred, and ye gave me meat: I was thirsty, and ye gave me drink: I was a stranger, and ye took me in: Naked, and ye clothed me: I was sick, and ye visited me: I was in prison, and ye came unto me. Then shall the righteous answer him, saying, Lord, when saw we thee an hungred, and fed thee? or thirsty, and gave thee drink? When saw we thee a stranger, and took thee in? or naked, and clothed thee? Or when saw we thee sick, or in prison, and came unto thee? And the King shall answer and say unto them, Verily I say unto you, Inasmuch as ye have done *it* unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done *it* unto me."

(Matthew 25: 34-40)

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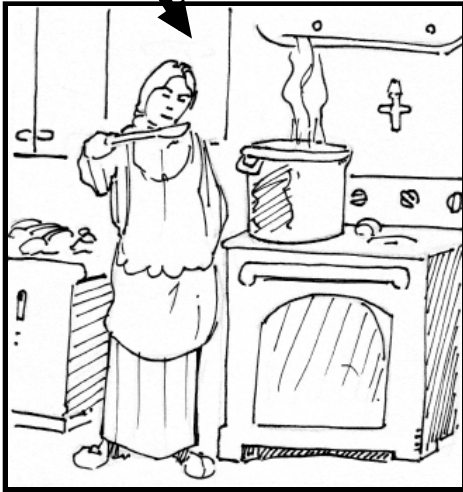


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WHAT IF.....We all worked together---in the gifts and abilities we all have.
(Perhaps this is what ministry really looks like!)



Do we realize that Jesus said "ministry" is NOT authority over others? He said that we are not to exercise authority one over another among ourselves (see Matthew 20:25-28, Luke 22:25-29)

"But Jesus called them *to him*, and saith unto them, **Ye know that they which are accounted to rule over the Gentiles exercise lordship over them; and their great ones exercise authority upon them. But so shall it not be among you: but whosoever will be great among you, shall be your minister:**" (Mark 10:42-43)

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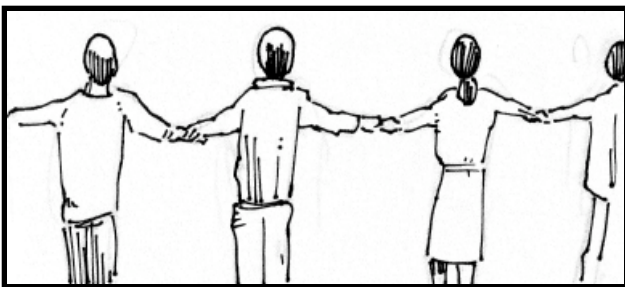


.....we prayed for their healing, and deliverance---and salvation---all in Jesus' name. If we did things this way, we could all accumulate the honors that the Bible speaks of. If we did things this way, God would truly receive all the glory--He would truly be our Head--and we would be very, very obedient in following His example.....



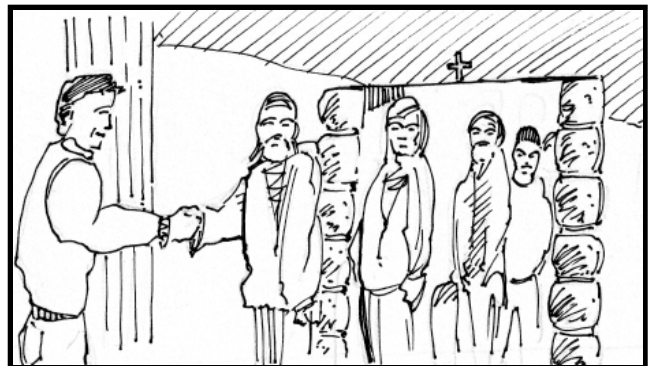
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WHAT IF.....Every member found his or her part---like a body.....



"Now there are diversities of gifts, but the same Spirit. And there are differences of administrations, but the same Lord. And there are diversities of operations, but it is the same God which worketh all in all.....For the body is not one member, but many. "
(1Corinthians 12: 4-6, 14)

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In come our honored guests.....
WHAT IF.....we all worked in our gifts and abilities---together---to serve them---to minister to them.....

WHAT IF.....We simply loved them....



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