

Sermon Outline • October 12, 2008
Conditions For Growth • Part 2
"Gift-Oriented Ministry"

Introduction: The animal school...

Model 1: "There's a job to do -- let's get people to do it."

They said to him, "You are old, and your sons do not walk in your ways; now appoint a king to lead us, such as all the other nations have." 1 Samuel 8:5

The Pharisees said to him, "Look, why are they doing what is unlawful on the Sabbath?" Mark 2:24

- The result?
 - acting _____
 - working in _____
 - a focus on the _____
 - bitterness and _____

Model 2: "We are people designed by God -- let's live by His design!"

"Each one should use whatever gift he has received to serve others, faithfully administering God's grace in its various forms. If anyone speaks, he should do it as one speaking the very words of God. If anyone serves, he should do it with the strength God provides, so that in all things God may be praised through Jesus Christ. To him be the glory and the power for ever and ever. Amen." 1 Peter 4:10-11

"We have different gifts, according to the grace given us." Romans 12:6

- The result?
 - acting _____
 - working in _____
 - a focus on the _____
 - _____

Answers to Sermon Outline: without God's blessing, our own strength, external mechanism, frustration, In the confidence of God's blessing, the strength of God, redeemed of God, joy in ministry