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Question: Are you plugged in to your church? If not, why? If yes, what ministry are you involved, and how is it working for you?

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Romans 12:4-6 NIV ⁴ For 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, though many, form one body, and each member belongs to all the others. ⁶ We have different gifts, according to the grace given to each of us. If your gift is prophesying, then prophesy in accordance with your faith." Question: Are you involved in pursuing the purposes of your church? Do you think your gifts matches the ministry you are in?

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