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Churchmanship: Plugging Into Ministry

OBJECTIVE:

To encourage a sense of belonging to and involvement in the church. The student will be placed in an area of ministry to discover and enhance their spiritual gifts. Assimilation into church ministry and the development of loyalty to the local church and denomination are the goals of this assignment. Scripture reference: Romans 12:4-6a.

DESCRIPTION OF ACTIVITY:

1. Meet with your mentor or pastor to discuss ministry opportunities available to you in your local church. Choose and commit to a ministry suited to your personality and talents. For example:
 - A. Greeter
 - B. Visitor's Center
 - C. Children's church
 - D. Sunday School Teacher or Helper
 - E. Worship Team
 - F. Usher
 - G. Church Office Volunteer
2. As you are fulfilling your commitment to ministry at your church, write a weekly journal entry to document your involvement. Briefly answer:
 - A. What job you are doing?
 - B. How much time are you spending on the assignment?
 - C. How much time do you spend in prayer for your assignment and the people you are working with in ministry?
 - D. What are your thoughts and feelings as you serve in ministry at the local church level?



The ministry assignment should last at least two to three (2 to 3) consecutive months. Committing to several months in your chosen ministry will help you gain respect for ministry commitments, even after the initial excitement has worn off. After you have been involved in your ministry assignment for a few weeks, meet with your pastor or mentor to discuss what you have learned so far. Once you have completed your assignment and would like to try something new, feel free to volunteer your time in other areas. Serving in several different areas will help you discover the gifts and talents God has given you!