



TECH NOTE series

Audio Ministry:

Support The Captain

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God calls people together to work as teams or groups. This is true in the local body of believers known as the church.

The pastor is the team captain and the other staff members fulfill various roles to support the captain. He is the one who God planted in this place and called different ones to assist him in his calling.

This is not to say that each member of the Body does not have his or her own unique calling. In fact, your primary calling (within the local church) is to assist the shepherd in ministering to the sheep.

We can see this in Ephesians 4:11,12. *"And He (Jesus) Himself gave some to be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, and some pastors and teachers, for the equipping of the saints for the work of ministry, for the building up of the body of Christ."*

When you support the pastor by doing your part you are assisting him in doing his part. Your gift has been given to you by the Head to be used to build the Body. By this, you can readily see that you play an important role in the local church which ultimately has a place in the entire Body of Christ throughout creation.

As part of the ministry team, your main role is one of support staff. The pastor relies on you being there every time the church door is open. This is something that the pastor does not need to concern himself with. No matter how small the church. When he steps up to the podium he knows that his mic will be on and it won't be squeaking and howling all over the place. It is reassuring for a pastor to know that his team members are behind him and he can deliver the message that God has given him without giving a thought to the audio or the ushers or the nursery workers.

The Bible calls this type of ministry the "ministry of helps". This is because helps ministers "help" the overall flow of the "ministry" from the platform or the church office.

We can see this in the WORD in 1 Corinthians 12:28, *"And God has appointed these in the church: first apostles, second prophets, third teachers, after that miracles, then gifts of healings, helps, administrations, varieties of tongues."*

There are several things that we want to focus on in this verse of scripture. First of all, notice that God has appointed these in the church. You might not have realized that God has appointed you the audio operator at your church.

"But I just volunteered for the position one day "
or
"no one else seemed to want to do it."

Regardless of how you got to where you are today, start believing (and saying) that God orders your steps and that you are appointed of God to help in your local church.

Psalm 37:23 says, *"The steps of a righteous man are ordered or established by the Lord, and He delights in his way."*

Also, notice that when 1 Cor. 12:28 was being recorded for us Paul listed helps before administrations and varieties of tongues. This does not mean that helps hold a higher position than the church administrator does.

Nevertheless, it does indicate that the administrations folks can not fully complete all that they are called to do without the assistance of the helps people. Now God can heal people and teach them and perform miracles all without the assistance of the helps ministry, but it sure does go a lot smoother when we are all in our places and *"ministering with the grace that is given to us..."* Romans 12:6.

In reference to the seventy elders called to help Moses, God told him in Numbers 11:17, *"I will take of the Spirit that is upon you and will put the same on them; and they shall bear the burden of the people with you, that you may not bear it yourself alone."*

Moses pastored a large congregation and required the aid and assistance of other members of that body. He could no more do all the work of leading the flock to the Promised Land than the pastor of your church could preach and operate the p.a. system at the same time.

God had a plan then and He still has the same plan today. You see, God's will for His people never changes. He's *"the same yesterday, today and forever."* (Hebrews 13:8)

God calls us to play on His teams. No matter how insignificant the task may seem, if it is required by the pastor then it is important to the grand scheme of that church. You must realize the impact that your ministry has on the pastor as well as the congregation.

Stop and ponder for a moment the repercussions of you being absent one day. Would there be anyone else present who could set up the p.a. and operate it? Could this person record the message and duplicate the tapes for distribution?

"But I signed on to mix the band not a bible teacher " you may say. Both music and teaching are vital gifts in the church and both require sound reinforcement and/or recording by someone who believes in doing things in an excellent manner.

So, don't shun any opportunity to make a difference in your local church. Get in there with your whole heart and *"whatever you do, do it heartily, as to the Lord and not to men"*. (Col 3:23)

The pastor gets his direction from heaven and delegates the project to his helps people. The helps people take their places and support the pastor by fulfilling their roles, and the Holy Ghost works inside each player in order to unite the team's heart.

When you understand your calling you can give of the grace that is in you to give life to the team. The team, in turn, supports the pastor in his role and the whole body of believers in that church is edified. Then the members of that body will influence people outside of their church and others can be brought into God's kingdom and/or other believers will be edified and brought into a deeper walk with God.

God has a plan for His church and we all have a position to play in that plan. Even the audio operator in the smallest church has a significant part to play in these last days.

So, make up your mind to be a team player.

Get in and support your pastor!

Do it with your whole heart and with excellence!

Give of your grace today because you can make a difference in this world!

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