Edward Christian Church – ***“Back to Basics -Nuts and Bolts of Significance”*** –pt2

Too many times we get so **caught up** in what **church is all about** that we **forget** why we are **here** –We are not here just to **fill a pew** –We are called each of us to **Make a Difference** -**Nuts and Bolts significance.**

**1. Each of Us Have a** Particular **Mission on Earth**

* **Jeremiah 1:5,** *Before I formed thee in the belly I knew thee; and before thou camest forth out of the womb I sanctified thee, and I ordained thee a prophet unto the nations.*
* **Galatians 1:15,** *15 But when it pleased God, who separated me from my mother's womb, and called me by his grace, 16 To reveal his Son in me, that I might preach him among the heathen; immediately I conferred not with flesh and blood:*

**2. Because each of Us has a** Different **Mission We Should Not** Compare **Ourselves with Anyone**

* **2 Corinthians 10:12,** *12 For we dare not make ourselves of the number, or compare ourselves with some that commend themselves: but they measuring themselves by themselves, and comparing themselves among themselves, are not wise.*

**3. God Has Given Us Different Talents that Are** Appropriate **to Our Mission**

* **Matthew 25:15,** And unto one he gave five talents, to another two, and to another one; to every man according to his several ability; and straightway took his journey.

**4. God** Judges **Us By What We Have Done w- What He has** Entrusted **to Us**

* **Matthew 25:20-24,** 20 And so he that had received five talents came and brought other five talents, saying, Lord, thou deliveredst unto me five talents: behold, I have gained beside them five talents more. 21 His lord said unto him, Well done, *thou* good and faithful servant: thou hast been faithful over a few things, I will make thee ruler over many things: enter thou into the joy of thy lord. 22 He also that had received two talents came and said, Lord, thou deliveredst unto me two talents: behold, I have gained two other talents beside them. 23 His lord said unto him, Well done, good and faithful servant; thou hast been faithful over a few things, I will make thee ruler over many things: enter thou into the joy of thy lord.

**5. Those Who Don’t** Use **Their Talents Will Be** Rejected

* **Matthew 25:24-27,** 24 Then he which had received the one talent came and said, Lord, I knew thee that thou art an hard man, reaping where thou hast not sown, and gathering where thou hast not strawed: 25 And I was afraid, and went and hid thy talent in the earth: lo, *there* thou hast *that is* thine. 26 His lord answered and said unto him, *Thou* wicked and slothful servant, thou knewest that I reap where I sowed not, and gather where I have not strawed: 27 Thou oughtest therefore to have put my money to the exchangers, and *then* at my coming I should have received mine own with usury.

**6. The** More **We Use Our Talents the More We Will Be** Given

* **Matthew 25:28-30,** 28 Take therefore the talent from him, and give *it* unto him which hath ten talents. 29 For unto every one that hath shall be given, and he shall have abundance: but from him that hath not shall be taken away even that which he hath. 30 And cast ye the unprofitable servant into outer darkness: there shall be weeping and gnashing of teeth.

**7. God Has a Specific Mission for** Everyone **in the Church**

* **1 Corinthians 12:14-15,** 14 For the body is not one member, but many. 15 If the foot shall say, Because I am not the hand, I am not of the body; is it therefore not of the body?....

**8. God** Judges **Our Significance in the Kingdom By What We Have** Done **for Jesus**

* **1 Corinthians 3:13,** 13 Every man's work shall be made manifest: for the day shall declare it, because it shall be revealed by fire; and the fire shall try every man's work of what sort it is.

**9. We Can Take No** Credit **for What We Do Because He** Made **Us and Gave Us Our** Talents **/** Call

* **1 Corinthians 4:7,** 7 For who maketh thee to differ *from another*? and what hast thou that thou didst not receive? now if thou didst receive *it*, why dost thou glory, as if thou hadst not received *it*?