

# New Year Resolutions

## *Serve the Ministry of My Church*

Ephesians 4:11-13

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Introduction:

- **Week One** –
  - Greek ... Diatheke ... (*Dee-Atha-Kay*) ... English – Covenant ... “A solemn agreement between God and man ... where the stronger sets the standards.”
  - Greek - Krino ... English – Resolved ... “To judge or decide between good and evil ... and choose the action of doing good.”
  - Greek - Diakonia ... English – Mission ... “Active service, done with a willing attitude ... empowered and guided by faith.”
  - John 14:15
  - How do we protect the unity here at South Fork?
    - We love one another Biblically
    - We do not gossip or take part in gossiping or divisiveness.
    - We study and examine our life according to the Word of God.
    - We follow the leaders that God has put in our life.
  - The second thing we can do is – Share the responsibility of the church.
  - **Week Two** –
  - How do we share the responsibilities of the Church?
    - Pray for growth and impact.
    - Help South Fork accomplish her mission.
    - Welcome each other and our visitors warmly.
  - **This Week** –
  - Serve the ministry of our church.
    - You can be a “Difference Maker.”
  - How do we serve together?
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### 1. **By sharing our talents:**

- a. Matthew 25 – Parable of the Talents
- b. Matthew 23 – Phony Religious Leaders – Do what they say, not what they do.
- c. Matthew 24:2
- d. Matthew 25:1-13
- e. Matthew 25:14-30
- f. God has given us all talents – Some five ... Some two ... Some one.
- g. 1<sup>st</sup> Peter 4:7-11

**2. By being equipped to serve with the staff and leaders:**

- a. There are many ways to serve here at South Fork:
  - i. Youth
  - ii. KidZone
  - iii. Worship/Tech Team
  - iv. Many ministries on our bulletin board.
- b. Romans 12:3-8
- c. Ephesians 4:11-13

**3. By developing a Servant's Heart:**

- a. A Servant's Heart will cause us to see things in a different way:
  - i. World says – Look out for yourself.
  - ii. Jesus says – Look out for others.
  - iii. World says – Get what belongs to you.
  - iv. Jesus says – Provide for those in need.
- b. A Servant's Heart is about serving so that others may see the love of God through you.
- c. Philippians 2:1-11
- d. Is there anything more important than growing the Kingdom of God?