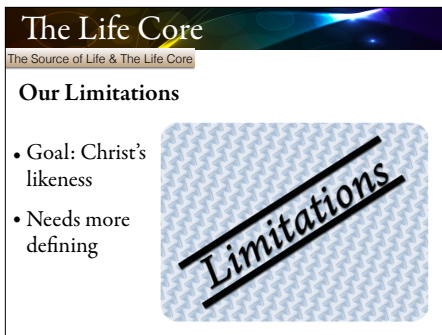










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Rightly discerning our part

- The Spirit imparts what we need to help others (e.g., fellowship, mentoring)
 - Always temporary
 - The person is always God's 'greater work'
- Gifts and Training**
- "6 And since we have gifts that differ according to the grace given to us, let each exercise them accordingly: if prophecy, according to the proportion of his faith; 7 if service, in his serving; or he who teaches, in his teaching; 8 or he who exhorts, in his exhortation; he who gives, with liberality; he who leads, with diligence; he who shows mercy, with cheerfulness" (Rom 12:7-8).

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Discovering our limitations

- Determine the specific stage of growth a person is in.
 - What is God doing through this time?
 - What are my spiritual gifts?
 - What is God's intention for that person?
- How much time do we have?
 - What is the situation of learning?
 - What are our resources?

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Understanding our roles

- Varying responses to our offered help
- Consider someone watering a plant. Didn't create the plant but it is protected throes this efforts.

"I planted, Apollos watered, but God was causing the growth. So then neither the one who plants nor the one who waters is anything but God who causes the growth" (1 Corinthians 3:6-7).

SMALL SERVICE BUT GREAT CONTRIBUTION!

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Strengthening our faith to train

- Always in need for a miracle!
 - Limitations so obvious.
 - God can do more in a minute than we in an hour.
 - Remember it is for God's glory
 - He has His design for each, including the building of faith to serve
- "And I also say to you that you are Peter, and upon this rock I will build My church; and the gates of Hades shall not overpower it" (Matthew

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Living God-dependent lives

- Fostering life not creating it!
- We need to focus on being faithful.
- We live in the shadow of the Almighty
- Remember to be humble
- Offer the water of life to others

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Our Lessons

- Long term goals help us better appreciate our small but significant place in teaching.
- Because we are limited in time and otherwise, we need to humbly seek God for wisdom on how to best use our resources to accelerate the growth of the believer.
- We must teach and mentor in faith so that God would take the little we have and multiply it to accomplish His greater good.
- The best teacher sets His heart on working by the Lord's side as His faithful assistant.

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Application

- ➡ Do you tend to possess high goals and become frustrated, or have low goals and be ineffective? Please explain.
- ➡ How can this lesson help high or low achievers improve their perspectives of teaching?
- ➡ Meditate on 1 Corinthians 3:5-10 and summarize what is the best approach to teaching and training others.

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Our Limitations
