

I Love My Church
Love By Serving

Introduction - People typically don't care about how much you **KNOW** until they know how much you care!

I. **SUPERHEROES** and Superpowers

- Superhero defined - "A fictional hero having extraordinary or superhuman powers; an exceptionally skillful or successful person"
- I disagree! Superheroes are superheroes because they utilize their abilities within a specific context to **HELP** in a specific way
- Part of loving your church is being the hero God has made you to be

II. You Have Superpowers: Spiritual **GIFTS** - 1 Corinthians 12:4-7, 11

- A believer is given a spiritual ability to serve others with (SUPERPOWER)
- God is who picked yours
- It is a Spirit-empowered gift; the difference between natural ability and spiritual ability - (Mike Tyson and Superman)

III. **DISCOVER** Your Gift - Romans 12:3-8

- Motivational gifts: prophecy, serve, teach, exhort, give, lead and mercy
- Experiment in serving - see results
- Ask others
- Check your energy level; what you are drawn to?

IV. You Have a Superpower Team: The **CHURCH**

- Your gift is for the benefit of others; we can't use it on ourselves - 1 Corinthians 12:7
- Your gift belongs to others - Romans 12:5

V. Our Team is Surrounded by a **WORLD** in Need

- Don't leave the gift unopened
- Question: Why did God give Gilead the gift of you?

Conclusion - May we bless others with our gift in a **SPECIFIC** context and way.

All scripture is from the HCSB unless otherwise noted.