

Friday, March 12, 2010

Just a Secretary

Matthew 20:28 *Jesus came to earth not to be served, but to serve.*

A few years ago Trinity hosted a Saturday morning guest speaker from our District Office. The topic was Spiritual gifts, and everyone in attendance took a survey to help us ascertain our Spiritual gifts. I found it quite enlightening. Some of my strong points were not surprising to me, some were. One that was obvious to me, and probably to anyone who knows me well, was the gift of "helps." I never thought of this as a spiritual gift, just a personality quirk! But I really do like to help people, to serve! I think many people may see this as a weakness or lack of ambition, so I was happy to realize that it's a gift from God!

I remember early in my career I was helping my boss by taking care of a business transaction for him and the clerk said, "Aren't you just the secretary?" That remark stung. Even on television that view was expressed on a program I enjoy watching. On an episode of *Monk*, Mr. Monk gave Natalie a gift for Secretary's Day, and she was very offended because she's not "just a secretary."

The people of Trinity have always made me feel valuable and appreciated. I wish I had a nickel for every time Pastor Foote has said to me, "Thank you for your hard work." One of the teachers left a post-it note on my desk saying, "Have we told you lately that we love you? We do!" A note I recently received from a member asking me to include an announcement in the bulletin had an added sentence thanking me for helping her. I bet not many secretaries have heard the praise that I so often hear from the people I serve!

There are many people we count on in our daily lives to take care of things that we may need help with... mechanics, plumbers, trash collectors, custodians. If we think about it, our lives are better because people are willing to work in these and other positions that are not always appreciated. Perhaps they, too, are happy in a job where they can serve others.

I feel blessed to have this job and the opportunity to serve Pastor Foote, the preschool and after-school families, and the people of Trinity. You all make me feel like I am more than "just a secretary." Xoxo

Prayer: Dear Jesus, thank You for showing us how to serve others. Help us to find our spiritual gifts and use them in a way that pleases You. In Your Name we pray, Amen.

--Nancy Giff

