

# **The Hat Rack**

## ***Part Four - Throwing Your Hat in the Ring***

- **There is no greater reason to throw your hat in the ring than the cause of Christ.**

*Isaiah 6:8*, Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, "Whom shall I send? And who will go for us?" And I said, "Here am I. Send me!"

Matthew 20:25-28, Jesus called them together and said, "You know that the rulers of the Gentiles lord it over them, and their high officials exercise authority over them. Not so with you. Instead, whoever wants to become great among you must be your servant, and whoever wants to be first must be your slave just as the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many."

- **Throwing your hat into the ring allows you to use your gifts for the purpose they were given!**

*1 Peter 4:10*, Each one should use whatever gift he has received to serve others, faithfully administering God's grace in its various forms.

- **Throwing your hat into the ring creates stability and confidence in one's life.**

*1 Timothy 3:13*, Those who have served well gain an excellent standing and great assurance in their faith in Christ Jesus.

*1 Corinthians 15:58*, Therefore, my dear brothers, stand firm. Let nothing move you. Always give yourselves fully to the work of the Lord because you know that your labor in the Lord is not in vain.

*Ephesians 4:11-16*, It was he who gave some to be apostles, some to be prophets, some to be evangelists, and some to be pastors and teachers, to prepare God's people for works of service, so that the body of Christ may be built up until we all reach unity in the faith and in the knowledge of the Son of God and become mature, attaining to the whole measure of the fullness of Christ. Then we will no longer be infants, tossed back and forth by the waves, and blown here and there by every wind of teaching and by the cunning and craftiness of men in their deceitful scheming. Instead, speaking the

truth in love, we will in all things grow up into him who is the Head, that is, Christ. From him, the whole body, joined and held together by every supporting ligament, grows, and builds itself up in love, as each part does its work.

- **Never submit yourself to someone who doesn't have a hat in the ring.**

*1 Corinthians 16:15-17*, You know that the household of Stephanas were the first converts in Achaia, and they have devoted themselves to the service of the saints. I urge you, brothers, to submit to such as these and to everyone who joins in the work, and labors at it.