

GIFTED FOR SERVICE

Finding Your Fit In Ministry – Part 2

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Job 10:8a (NIV) “Your hands shaped me and made me.”

THREE GIFTS GOD GIVES YOU...

1. Eternal LIFE

Romans 6:23 (NIV) “For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.”

2. His SPIRIT

Romans 5:5 (NLT) “And this hope will not lead to disappointment. For we know how dearly God loves us, because He has given us the Holy Spirit to fill our hearts with His love.”

3. Special SKILLS

Romans 12:6a (NLT) “In His grace, God has given us different gifts for doing certain things well.”

Only BELIEVERS have spiritual gifts.

THE IMPORTANCE OF YOUR SPIRITUAL GIFTS

1. They show God’s PLAN for your life.

1 Corinthians 12:4-6 (NLT) “There are different kinds of spiritual gifts, but the same Spirit is the source of them all. ⁵ There are different kinds of service, but we serve the same Lord. ⁶ God works in different ways, but it is the same God who does the work in all of us.”

2. They show your SELF-WORTH.

1 Corinthians 12:27 (NLT) “All of you together are Christ’s body, and each of you is a part of it.”

1 Corinthians 12:7 (NLT) “A spiritual gift is given to each of us so we can help each other.”

3. They are the key to FULFILLMENT in your life.

John 15:5, 8 & 11 (NLT) “Yes, I am the vine; you are the branches. Those who remain in Me, and I in them, will produce much fruit. For apart from Me you can do nothing... ⁸ When you produce much fruit, you are My true disciples. This brings great glory to My Father... ¹¹ I have told you these things so that you will be filled with My joy. Yes, your joy will overflow!”

GOD WANTS YOU TO...

1. DISCOVER your spiritual gifts!

1 Corinthians 14:1a (NIV) “Follow the way of love and eagerly desire gifts of the Spirit...”

1 Corinthians 12:1 (NIV) “Now about the gifts of the Spirit... I do not want you to be uninformed.”

Discover Your Gifts By...

- EXAMINING your Christian life.
- EXPERIMENTING with different kinds of service.

2. DEVELOP your spiritual gifts!

1 Timothy 4:14 (NIV) “Do not neglect your gift, which was given you through a prophecy when the body of elders laid their hands on you.”

2 Timothy 1:6 (NIV) “For this reason I remind you to fan into flame the gift of God, which is in you through the laying on of my hands.”

3. USE your spiritual gifts!

1 Peter 4:10 (NIV) “Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God’s grace...”

Ephesians 4:12-13 (NIV) “...to equip His (God’s) people for works of service, so that the body of Christ may be built up ¹³ 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.”

1 Corinthians 4:2 (NIV) “Now it is required that those who have been given a trust must prove faithful.”