



How Do I Know What My Gifts Are?

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Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God's grace in its various forms. — 1 Peter 4:10

In high school, I went to a conference where we learned what it meant to live our lives as disciple-making disciples. One of the first things the leader had us do was create a collage of our lives. We sat around tables filled with magazines. Our job was to fill paper plates with pictures from magazines that would tell the story of our lives. Not only did these paper plate collages help us get to know each other and make connections, but as we shared our stories, we were also sharing important gospel truths, exploring what it means to follow Jesus, live in obedience to him, and celebrate the beauty of being in God's family.

If you are following Jesus as your Savior and Lord, you are a member of God's family. No matter how old or young you are, you have the privilege and responsibility to use the gifts the Holy Spirit has given you to help the body grow in unity, knowledge, and maturity. Ephesians 4:12-13 tells us that Christ has equipped us to serve and build up His body. However, we might wonder what our gifts are. So how do we know? There is no magic formula to determine your gifts, but here are some ideas that might help you figure things out.

Keep your eyes on Jesus. As you follow him, ask the Spirit to give you opportunities to use your gifts and clarify them for you. Remember, your gifts are not about you; they are given to you to strengthen the church and bring glory to God.

Make a collage of your life. Maybe magazines are out of vogue, and that's ok. Use technology. Draw pictures. Write words. Find photos. Notice things you are passionate about. What do you love to do?

Think of opportunities God has given you to encourage other Christians where you have pointed them to Jesus. Look for the ways that you have seen God glorified in and through you.

Ask your friends. Often, others can see things that we can't see about ourselves. Our friends, family, teachers, and leaders can help us identify our gifts and the areas in which we might serve.

Let's Chat!

- Talk about the spiritual gifts. What are they? (Look at 1 Corinthians 12:8-10, Ephesians 4:7-13 and Romans 12:3-8.)
- What is God's purpose in giving his people spiritual gifts?
- How have you seen people in your church using their gifts to build and encourage the body of Christ?
- Encourage each other by affirming the gifts you see in each other. Share ways to use your gifts to build up the body and bring glory to God.

Take-Away Truth

The whole body of Christ is strengthened and unified when each one of us uses our spiritual gifts.

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